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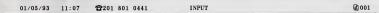
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Dear Dave:

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OFTUS COMMUNICATIONS SELECTS DIGITAL AS PRIME CONTRACTOR

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MAYNARD, Mass. -- July 9, 1992 -- In a strategic agreement estimated to be worth \$1 billion (AUS) over the next 10 years, Digital Equipment Corporation was named as the prime contractor to provide the complete information technology and service needs for Optus Communications, the second largest telecommunications carrier in Australia.

Under terms of the agreement, signed in Sydney, Australia on June 22, 1992, Digital will serve as the prime contractor to Optus to develop an Operational Support System (OSS) for what will be the world's first fully digital telecommunications network.

OSS includes the network operating systems and applications software required to manage the many elements of a digital

telecommunications network.

Building Australia's Second Telecommunications Network

Optus, which secured the right to operate Australia's second telecommunications network in November 1991, is a consortium of Bell South, Cable and Wireless, and several Australian firms.

Plans call for digital cellular facilities to cover 80 percent of the population, with fibre transmission facilities built to cover most major centers by 1997. This will provide virtually all of Australia with access to Optus' services.

Under terms of this contract, Digital will be responsible for the systems integration, management, training, and operation of the entire information technology needs of Optus, and, in effect, become the information technology arm of Optus.

Other strategic contractors involved with Digital are:

- * NorTel Australia Proprietary Limited (for the switching equipment)
- * Fujitsu Australia Limited (for the transmission equipment)
- * Nokia Telecommunications (for the digital mobile systems)
- Leighton Contractors Proprietary Limited (for the building construction)

Optus Chief Executive Officer, Bob Mansfield, described the agreement as one of the largest contracts in the world for development of a fully integrated OSS.

"This agreement will see the establishment by Digital of a global OSS Support and Development Center in Australia," Mansfield said. "Digital will also commit its international marketing resources to develop an export market for OSS with the potential to earn up to \$1 billion (AUS) for new Australia-developed technology over the next decade," he added.

Mansfield also noted that Digital had won its position by offering solutions and a business plan which will provide world-class service and long-term export growth for Australia to other

carriers and private network operators.

Frank Wroe, Digital-Australia Chairman, said that the agreement with Optus "is a highly significant challenge to Digital. We are involved with every major telecommunications provider in the world, but Australia will move quickly to become a leader in fully-integrated open systems, using fibre technology in end-to-end digital networking."

Russ Gullotti, worldwide Vice President of Digital Services, noted that "this agreement with Optus is the largest single systems integration and services contract we have signed anywhere in the world, and we are excited by the challenges and opportunities it

will provide in the global telecommunications arena."

OSS Potential For Export

OSS will allow Optus to provide superior customer service, and

a software product for export.

It will also be the first fully integrated OSS. Previous projects attempted to integrate a mix of mechanical, analog, and digital technologies that existed in established networks.

Digital will be the principal marketer of the new systems through its global operations, and is examining joint venture opportunities with Optus.

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I. INTRODUCTION

A. Background

INPUT was engaged by Corporate Telecommunications (CT) to assess the opportunity for offering end-to-end connectivity and value-added services to the global marketplace. The range of services that could be offered to the market is shown in Exhibit I-1.

The study covers the following issues:

- The size and nature of the overall opportunity
- The geographic differences in the opportunity, i.e., between the U.S., Europe and Asia/Pacific
- Differentiating the opportunity between Levels 1b, 2 and 3 on Exhibit I-1.
- Assessing the perceptions of Digital's capabilities to offer these services as viewed by potential customers.
- The risks of entry, both market-based and regulatory.
- The organizational implications of addressing the opportunity

These initial objectives were modified somewhat, as will be described below, after the initial results of the study were reviewed with CT.

Preliminary results were presented at a CT staff meeting in Rochester, New York on April 3, 1992. As result of that meeting it was agreed to expand the survey base from global companies to include a more diverse selection of companies (see "Methodology", below). There were also several adjustments made to the questionnaire, principally to include more detail on OSI plans for companies where this was a priority.

There was a later telephone conference review on May 15, 1992 with the Digital project managers to verbally review findings. The major result of that review was agreement to include information on additional market opportunities that were outside the scope of the initial study, based on existing INPUT materials and assessments. This material is included in Chapter IV.



B. Methodology

The original methodology was aimed at interviewing 36 large international companies in the U.S., Europe and Asia/Pacific. As a result of the April 3 briefing it was agreed that the interview program should be further expanded to cover a more diverse set of companies in the U.S. and Europe to see if there were additional opportunities beyond international companies.

- Twenty additional interviews were added, as shown in Exhibit I-2.
- U.S. respondents were divided into ten multi-billion dollar companies and 14 companies that were in the \$500 million - \$1 billion class (Exhibit I-3).
- European interviews were segmented as follows:
 - European-based firms with a global focus
 - -- Firms with a European focus
 - Enterprises with primarily a single-country focus
 - -- Firms interviewed are shown in Exhibit I-4
 - Note: In subsequent analysis it turned out that the differences between European firms was generally relatively slight, consequently exact classifications became less important.
- Asia/Pacific interviews are shown in Exhibit I-5.

Respondents were well informed and able to answer virtually all questions (in a few cases certain pieces of information were held to be proprietary). The most common title was "Director" within the telecommunications function; some vice presidents and managers were interviewed as well. (Less seniors titles were more common in larger enterprises with a specialized telecommunications planning function.)

The diagram in Exhibit I-1 proved to be very effective in ensuring consistent definitions and understanding across different geographies and languages.

Interviews were conducted locally in Europe, Asia/Pacific and the U.S. All interviews were conducted by telephone, except in Japan, where face-to-face interviewing is the cultural norm. In many cases respondents received a copy of the questionnaire before the actual interview; this was quite effective as a means of collecting quantitative information; in a few cases, respondents faxed a completed questionnaire back and there was subsequently telephone follow-up.

The size of the interview samples for particular geographies tended to be on the small side and some of the numeric computations consequently have a larger margin of error than usual. However, because so many of the key findings appear unambiguous, INPUT does not believe that a larger interview panel or more face-to-face interviews would have had a material effect on the results



C. Structure of this Report

This report is intended to capture key findings and recommendations in preparation for the voice conference meeting on June 3. For this report several secondary items have been omitted to save space and readers' time, among them:

- A copy of the questionnaire used.
- Exemplary comments from respondents
- Finer analytic breakdowns that turned out not to show significant differences (e.g., intra-European differences, vendor ratings for specific capabilities)

The final report will include this material, plus other points that may be raised at the June 3 meeting.



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3	Applications (Examples) Electronic Mail (between enterprises) Employee Locator (on-line) Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)							
2	Enhanced Communications Services (Examples)	OSI TCP/ DEC IP Net						
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12	Pure bandwidth (e.g., tariffed circuits from carriers)							



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II. RESEARCH FINDINGS

The findings are organized into the following categories:

- Telecommunications expenditures
- Importance of data network issues
- Network-based applications opportunities
- Enhanced services opportunities
- "Value-added Bandwidth" service opportunity
- Vendor ratings

Note the terminology created in Exhibit I-1 ("network-based applications", "Enhanced Services" and "Value-added Bandwidth") has been used in this section for major categories.

A. Telecommunications Expenditures

One of the most important findings was that telecommunications budgets are expected to be flat worldwide (Exhibit II-1).

- This average is <u>not</u> the result of a number of high-growth companies balanced by negative growth companies. The majority of responses clustered quite close to zero. In fact, "zero" was the most common response to questions of overall growth.
- In-house personnel expenses are generally seen as growing in line with inflation, i.e., supporting a flat head count.
- Equipment and, especially, circuit expenses are seen as declining.
 Essentially, telecommunications departments are hoping to fund increased staff expenses with savings from outside vendors. One effect of this is for customers to place more emphasis on driving costs down from vendors rather than obtaining "improved service". This has implications for the proposed CT services that will be discussed at greater length later in this chapter.

It should be strongly noted that this flatness pertains only to "traditional" communications services which are supplied centrally. Two major exceptions to this spending pattern, systems integration services and LAN services/support, are discussed in detail in Chapter IV.



B. Importance of Data Network Issues

The relative importance of different issues that are facing communications operations has a significant impact on companies' usage of outside services. Exhibit II-2 shows the relative importance of major issues. (These issues are arranged according the importance of the issues in large U.S. companies for purposes of comparison and contrast.)

- Reducing costs is exceptionally important in all geographies, except medium-sized U.S. companies, where it is still quite important. This finding is not at all surprising, given the direction of budgets.
- The large U.S. companies feel under pressure to make improvements across a number of areas:
 - Service quality and reliability
 - Staff skills
 - Responsiveness to both internal and external users

It is an open question, of course, how they will meet these goals in a nogrowth environment.

- The other geographies have the same general priorities, but attach somewhat less importance to each issue. This probably shows both a better sense of what is practical. In addition, in some of these organizations telecommunications is relatively less important to the business. This last point is brought out clearly in the relative importance given to improving responsiveness to an enterprise's own customers:
 - Large U.S. firms attach considerable importance to this since, in many cases, these enterprises are communicating directly with customers.
 - This is less so in other geographies or for medium-sized U.S. companies.
- In general all companies showed low interest in outsourcing telecommunications functions. However, it should be noted that outsourcing interest and decisions usually take place at the general management level, as opposed to the technical management level.
- There was only modest interest generally in offering new communications services. This is consistent with the overall budget situation.



C. Network-Based Applications Opportunities

Exhibit II-3 shows the percent of respondents in each geography that are currently using specific network-based applications as well as their future plans for significant changes (either replacing a current offering or installing a new offering).

Internal E-Mail is heavily used in all geographies. Medium-sized U.S. companies are least satisfied with their current system and half are looking for replacements (or, more commonly, standardizing on one of multiple systems). This situation presents opportunities. However, opportunities appear to be for software product vendors: Virtually all current and targeted systems are software-based, resident on the customer's own network. The interest in a service based on a vendor's network is very small.

External E-mail systems currently in use (often integrated with the internal E-mail system) range from 80% penetration in large U.S. companies to 8% in Asia/Pacific. Future plans are more modest than for internal systems and, again, are almost all software based.

The penetration of employee locator systems is, broadly speaking similar to external E-mail, but at a lower level of intensity.

- The employee locator is also often integrated with the E-mail system.
- Similarly, these are all software-driven (and not provided as a service)
- Most importantly, there are few plans for additional changes.

EDI is fairly widely used, except in Asia/Pacific. Much of this function is executed in a service environment.

- However, there are relatively few plans for significant changes; most of the activities involve expanding the use of current systems and improving the underlying applications.
- This finding is consistent with INPUTs other information on the EDI market which comes from INPUTs subscription program in EDI.



D. Enhanced Services Opportunities

Exhibit II-4 summarizes the importance of enhanced services across geographies. These are arranged in the order of importance for large U.S. companies, which is also roughly the order overall, especially for the top half of the list.

- Obviously, SNA is of some importance to all companies, especially the largest companies with an SNA "tradition".
- TCP/IP is also relatively important. However, it should be pointed out that a ratings ranging from 3.1 to 3.6 are not especially impressive.
- There is some interest in OSI-based networks. It may be recalled that because of the high relative showing of OSI in the early interviews that it was agreed that more probes would be added to the enterprises that rated OSI relatively high. The results do not indicate very much current market activity:
 - Relatively few firms had implemented or were implementing OSI networks now; a few were engaged in testing, but it did not appear to be a high priority item.
 - Most firms that showed an interest were speaking in terms of potential future importance: Where timing was given (or known), milestones were usually several years in the future.

There are some additional differences in need by geography:

- Medium-sized U.S. firms place somewhat higher importance on OSI networks; however, all the caveats in the preceding paragraph apply to these firms also.
- The medium-sized U.S. firms place more importance on frame relay than any other group.
- Asia/Pacific, on the other hand places more importance on packet switching. These differences may relate to the relative maturity of the two geographic markets.
- The intensity of needs in Europe in general appear to be somewhat less than the other geographies.

In general, where enterprises are planning change and expansion, their plans assume utilizing the network (or networks) currently developed and under their control. There was a widespread feeling among respondents that current networks represented investments (or "sunk costs") that should be leveraged in applying new services or functionality. INPUT believes that this kind of thinking is responsible for network service providers such as Infonet or GEIS being somewhat less visible as service providers (see "F" below for more detail).



E. "Value-Added Bandwidth" Service Opportunity

A substantial minority of respondents in each geography say they are utilizing these services now (Exhibit II-5). The services provided fall into two general categories:

- Companies (generally larger companies) that have reached a critical mass in size and expertise are able to make special arrangements with carriers and/or manage their own networks in this fashion.
- Companies, especially overseas, view improvements in service or terms by Telcos/PTTs as falling into this category. This does not represent special treatment for a company, but an overall improvement in service levels, in excess of previous customer expectations.

In Europe and Asia/Pacific a quarter of respondents were considering such a service. However, this generally took the form of "Well certainly consider any offering such as that". There was no indication that much, if any, higher price would be paid for such services beyond what they would pay a carrier themselves.

F. Vendor Ratings

One of the most important aspects of the study was to learn how Digital would be viewed as a vendor in this market. There are two considerations:

- How visible is Digital as a vendor or potential vendor? That is, if only a few
 potential customers viewed Digital as a serious entry, it would matter far
 less that Digital was rated highly by those who did have an opinion.
- Once the visibility hurdle has been surmounted, the question is: How capable is Digital viewed?

The answers to both questions are quite positive:

 Digital has good to excellent "visibility" in every geography (see Exhibit II-6, which is arranged in the order of visibility in large U.S. companies). Very little separates Digital from the leading company in each geography -- in fact, Digital is the leading company in Asia/Pacific. While respondents were not asked why they felt able to rate Digital, INPUT believes the following factors are involved:



- In the U.S., Digital has benefited from a few very visible outsourcing contracts.
- There is a tendency to give large, technology-oriented companies "the benefit of the doubt" in this kind of situation.
- Digital is well-known for its networking efforts and perhaps its recent communications-oriented positioning has borne fruit.
- Somewhat more surprising is the generally good marks that Digital receives for actually being capable of supplying such services (Exhibit II-7). Except in large U.S. companies, Digital actually rates first or second in each geography.
 - -- These ratings are even more impressive since Digital has not been offering these services on a standalone basis.
 - Obviously, the same kind of "halo" effects described in the previous paragraph are operating here as well.
 - It seems ironic that Digital rates higher than GEIS or Infonet as they have been offering some of these services for quite some time.
- Note also that PTTs in Europe and Asia/Pacific receive equivalent ratings to U.S. RBOCs. The verbal comments of respondents indicate the PTTs as a group are trying much harder to deliver services and are viewed as increasingly responsive.

Finally, it is not necessary for Digital to offer a full set of telecommunications services, i.e., be a sort of telephone company. Except for Asia/Pacific, a very large majority of respondents were willing to pick and choose services and deal with multiple vendors to get the services and benefits that they needed (Exhibit II-8).



EXPECTED TELECOMM BUDGET GROWTH

Geography	Range	<u>Median</u>
US - Large	-25% to 15%	0
US - Medium	-20% to 100%	0
Europe	-20% to 16%	0
A/P	-10% to 50%	-2%



Exhibit II-2

IMPORTANCE OF DATA NETWORK ISSUES IN EACH GEOGRAPHY

	Importance*					
	U	U.S.				
Change	Large	Medium	Europe	<u>A/P</u>		
Reduce costs	4.8	3.9	4.4	4.1		
Improve service quality	4.2	3.8	3.5	3.8		
Improve service reliability	4.2	3.4	3.6	3.8		
Improve staff skills	3.9	4.4	3.2	3.6		
Improve responsiveness to internal users	3.8	3.1	2.7	3.0		
Improve responsiveness to customers	3.8	3.4	3.4	3.7		
Reduce head count	3.0	2.1	3.0	3.0		
Offer new communications service	2.5	2.7	3.1	3.1		
Outsource services or functions	1.7	2.1	2.8	2.1		

Note: Differences of 0.4 or less are not significant.

^{* 1 =} low 5 = high



Exhibit II-3

NETWORK-BASED APPLICATIONS BY GEOGRAPHY (% of Respondents)

		U	I.S		
		Large	Medium	Europe	<u>A/P</u>
E-m	ail (Internal)				
	Currently in use	80%	100%	75%	83%
•	Significant changes planned	30%	50%	10%	10%
E-m	ail (External)				
	Currently in use	80%	50%	25%	8%
•	Significant changes planned	30%	21%	-	
Em	ployee locator				
	Currently in use	60%	29%	10%	8%
•	Significant changes planned	10%			
EDI					
	Currently in use	50%	57%	60%	17%
	Significant changes planned		21%	10%	



IMPORTANCE OF ENHANCED SERVICES IN EACH GEOGRAPHY

		Importance*				
Service	Large	.S. Medium	Europe	A/P		
SNA	3.8	3.2	3.3	3.6		
TCP/IP network	3.5	3.6	3.3	3.1		
OSI-based network	3.0	3.4	2.8	2.6		
DECNet	3.0	2.9	2.7	2.9		
Video	3.2	3.3	2.3	2.3		
Bulk data transfer	3.0	3.0	2.4	2.8		
Frame Relay	2.5	3.6	2.3	3.0		
Packet Switching	2.4	2.5	3.1	3.6		

Note: Differences of 0.4 or less are not significant.

Exhibit II-4



USE OF "VALUE-ADDED BANDWIDTH" SERVICES

	U			
	Large	Medium	Europe	<u>A/P</u>
Using "Value-added Bandwidth" Now	30%	29%	42%	25%
Not using, but considering	10%		25%	25%



"VISIBILITY" OF POTENTIAL COMMUNICATION SERVICES VENDORS

(% of Respondents Able to Rate)

	U	U.S.		
Vendor	Large	Medium	Europe	<u>A/P</u>
AT&T	90%	93%	60%	92%
IBM	90%	93%	65%	92%
Telcos*	90%	86%	55%	83%
DEC	80%	79%	55%	100%
EDS	80%	43%	10%	50%
вт	60%	43%	75%	92%
GEIS	50%	50%	40%	75%
Infonet	50%	10%	35%	42%

^{*}RBOC(s) in U.S.; PTT(s) elsewhere



RATINGS OF COMMUNICATION SERVICES VENDORS

	U.S.							
	Large		Medium		Europe		Asia/Pacific	
	Rating	Rank	Rating	Rank	Rating	Rank	Rating	Rank
AT&T	3.5	2	3.9	1	3.5	1	2.9	6
IBM	3.6	1	3.5	3	3.3	2	3.3	2
Telcos	3.1	4	3.3	4	3.3	2	3.3	2
DEC	3.1	4	3.6	2	3.3	2	3.4	1
EDS	3.1	4	(3.0)		(3.0)		2.8	7
вт	3.1	4	(2.8)		3.0	5	3.2	4
GEIS	2.0	8	3.2	5	(3.1)		3.0	5
Infonet	3.5	2	(3.0)		(3.0)		(2.6)	

Note

- Ratings are the combined ratings for network-based applications and enhanced communications services and, on a scale of 1 to 5, 1=low and 5=high. Differences of 0.4 or less are not significant.
- Ratings in parentheses are for vendors rated by under half of respondents and are not ranked.



ACCEPTABILITY OF OFFERING LIMITED SELECTION OF COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES (Percent of Respondents)

U.S.

Large 100%
 Medium 86%
 Europe 95%

Asia/Pacific 70%



III. RESEARCH FINDINGS: CONCLUSIONS

A. The Market Situation

There are two key market-related findings that emerged from the study:

- Telecommunications operations are under severe cost pressures. The net effect is that "new" spending must displace old spending; where enterprises are trying to cut outside spending anyway, this makes it even more difficult for a new service or new vendor to be added.
- As both a cause and effect of the preceding point, customers are planning relatively few new services planned in Digital's target service areas.

B. Digital's Competitive Position

The most important finding is that Digital is very well positioned in customers' minds as a supplier of communications services. One of the key challenges for Digital is to take advantage of this situation in view of the market situation.

A secondary issue is the PTTs are viewed as being relatively capable to supply a variety of value-added services. In essence, the window of opportunity that Digital felt was still open in Europe and Asia/Pacific is beginning to close earlier than expected.

C. The Changing Nature of the Telecommunications Function

In INPUT's opinion, both of the market factors identified in section "A" above are a result of the changing nature of the telecommunications function: Telecommunications is increasingly being viewed as part of an organization's infrastructure, providing a kind of "utility" service. This "cost center" mentality is such that during economic downturns, such as the one that many firms worldwide are going through, telecommunications is viewed as an area where costs can be saved or deferred.

Actually, based on research that INPUT has performed, the problem is deeper than a temporary economic downturn: More and more systems and communications initiatives are being driven by (a) overall business needs and (b) end users. As will be shown in Chapter IV, many of the future telecommunications opportunities lie outside of the classic telecommunications function.



D. Digital's Opportunity

INPUT believes that Digital has the opportunity to become a factor in supplying communications-based services because of the market's receptivity.

However, the opportunity may not lie in supplying standalone communication services in the narrower sense. The next chapter will describe two related opportunity areas and provide a preliminary contrast to narrower, more traditional telecommunications services.



IV. RELATED MARKET OPPORTUNITIES

This chapter describes two market opportunities that have a significant communications component: Systems integration and LAN service/support.

A. Description of the Opportunities

1. SYSTEMS INTEGRATION

Systems integration is an activity with varying definitions. INPUTs definition, which is widely accepted, is:

Systems integration is a business offering that provides a complete solution to an information system, networking or automation requirement through the custom selection and implementation of a variety of information system products and services. A systems integrator is responsible for the overall management of a systems integrator contract and is the single point of contact and responsibility to the buyer for the delivery of the specified system function, on schedule and at the contracted price.

These products and services include:

- Equipment
 - Information systems
 - Communications
- Software products
 - Systems software
 - Applications software
- Professional services
 - Consulting
 - -- Feasibility and tradeoff studies
 - -- Selectoin of equipment, network, and software
 - Project management
 - Design/integration
 - -- Systems design
 - Installation of equipment, network, and software



- -- Demonstration and testing
- Software development
 - -- Modification of software packages
 - -- Modification of existing software
 - -- Custom development of software
- Education/training and documentation
- Systems operations/maintenance
- Data/voice communication services
- Other miscellaneous products/services
 - Site preparation
 - Data processing supplies
 - Processing/network services

2. NETWORKED LAN SUPPORT

"Networked LAN support" is a still evolving service concept. Based on recent INPUT research and analysis, the focus of this support is LANs that are connected to other LANs or other computer systems. There are currently over 12 million PC/workstations currently connected to such environments in the U.S. along.

The range of potential services includes:

- Strategy and planning
- Design
 - Network design
 - Product evaluation, selection and/or acquisition
 - Configuration design
- Implementation
 - Connectivity to other networks
 - Custom software development
 - Multivendor integraiton



- Support and operations
 - Help desk and defect support
 - Problem analysis and performance management
 - Backup and recovery
 - Network operations and management
 - Education and training

B. Market Size

The worldwide systems integration market is a was a \$9 billion dollar market in 1991 (Exhibit IV-1). What is most interesting from Digital's standpoint is that in the U.S. almost one-third of this market is communications-related systems integration. (INPUT does not have detailed data for other geographies at this time, but believes the proportions are similar.)

A less visible, but very large market is that providing service/support for networked LANS. This market was over \$3 billion in 1991 in the U.S. alone (Exhibit Ur-1). (INPUT believes that the current markets in Europe and Asia/Pacific are considerably smaller, but will enter a period of high growth by 1994.)

Note: INPUT cannot at this time break out the communications support component of the systems operations (outsourcing) market. However, this is obviously also a significant market.

These communications markets are growing at almost 30% annually compared to the zero growth in traditional telecommunications services (Exhibit IV-2).

Based on other research, INPUT believes that Digital would find good acceptance in the networked LAN support market.

Note: INPUT does not have current data on Digital's acceptability in providing communications-related systems integration or communications-related systems operations (outsourcing).



C. Characteristics of Related Markets

Digital should understand that these related markets have quite different characteristics from the traditional telecommunications market, even for the types of value-added services that CT is now prepared to supply. This section will summarize some of the difference from a market standpoint.

Both the systems integration and networked LAN support markets are typified by:

- Significant vertical application importance
- High end user involvement in systems decision making
- An access to ad hoc or additional funding ("new money") that is typically unavailable to telecommunications operations
 - An openness to outside solutions and vendor services

Exhibit IV-4 contrasts these two opportunity areas to traditional telecommunications services.

There are additional implications to the complex of traits shown in Exhibit IV-4:

- There is much less sensitivity toward price in these newer areas; "valueadded" is a real proposition.
- Systems integration and LAN projects have high-level executive visibility.
- In spite of this, the overall technical risk is generally lower in systems integration and LAN support functions.

These contrasts are shown in Exhibit IV-5.



CURRENT AND FUTURE MARKET SIZE

	Market Size (\$ billion)	
Market	Current	<u>Future</u>
Systems Integration		
· Total Commercial (U.S.)	\$4.4	\$10.5
	(1991)	(1996)
0		
· Communications-related (U.S.)	1.3	3.6
	(1991)	(1995)
· Europe	3.4	7.9
	(1991)	(1996)
· Asia/Pacific	3.2	8.5
	(1991)	(1996)
Networked LAN Support (U.S.)	5.8	10.4
	(1991)	(1994)

Source: INPUT Forecasts



Exhibit IV-2

ANNUAL GROWTH RATES IN SELECTED COMMUNICATIONS AREA

Area	CAGR*	Time Period
Traditional Telecommunications	0	1992-1995
Systems Integration	19%	1991-1996
· Total Commercial (U.S.)		
· Communications-related (U.S.)	29%	1991-1995
· Europe	19%	1991-1996
· Asia/Pacific	20%	1991-1996
Networked LAN Support (U.S.)	30%	1991-1994

Source: INPUT Studies

^{*} CAGR = Compound Annual Growth Rate



DIGITAL ACCEPTABILITY AS A VENDOR IN COMMUNICATION SERVICE MARKETS

Market

Digital Acceptability

Traditional

Telecommunications Services

Very good

Systems Integration/ Communications-related

Unknown

Networked LAN Support

Good

Source: INPUT Research



CHARACTERISTICS OF COMMUNICATION SERVICES OPPORTUNITIES

Opportunity	Vertical Application <u>Driven</u>	End User Involvement	Access to "New Money"	Openness to Outside Solutions
Traditional Telecommunica- tions Services	Medium to Low	Low	Low	Medium to Low
Systems Integration	Very High	High	Very High	High-(End User) Low-(IS)
Networked LAN Support	Medium (& growing)	High	Very High	High

Source: INPUT Research (U.S., Europe)



INPUT ASSESSMENT OF COMMUNICATION SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Opportunity	Price <u>Sensitivity</u>	Positive Visibility	Perceived Value-added	Technical <u>Risk</u>
Traditional Telecommuni- cations Services	High	Low	Low to Medium	High
Systems Integration	Low	High	High	Medium to High
Networked LAN Support	Medium	High	Medium (& growing)	Medium (& growing)

Source: INPUT Assessment



V. RECOMMENDATIONS

INPUT believes that CT should examine the role that it could play in offering nontraditional telecommunication services. To do this will involve the activities outlined below

A. Identify Additional Service Opportunities

This report went into some detail on systems integration and networked LAN support. References were made to systems operations (outsourcing). Other potential areas should be identified and analyzed.

B. Identify Additional Information on Systems Integration and Networked LAN Support

There are several voids in INPUT's current data, including:

- Communications-related systems integration market sizing outside the U.S.
- Networked LAN support outside the U.S.
- The communications support proportion of systems operations (outsourcing)

INPUT does not believe that these voids are critical for initial decision making; however, if required, INPUT would assist in developing additional sizing information.

INPUT does believe that it is important to confirm whether Digital has the same type of communications capability "halo" for providing systems integration-related services as was found for traditional communications and for networked LAN support. Such data may already be in Digital's possession.

C. Identify Service Components

This report only identified in general terms the communications-oriented service components required to support these markets and the relationship of these to other components. Again, some or all of this information may already be in the possession of Digital.



D. Match Skill Sets to Service Components

One of the key reasons for identifying service components ("C" above) is to match these with the skill sets within CT (and Digital overall) in order to assess strengths and identify areas where training or personnel is required. One example is the needed for additional resources to support professional services and consulting.

E. Review Digital Systems Integration Bids

To gain further insight into Digitial-specific opportunities, Digital should review recent systems integration bidding situations (both where Digital bid and chose not to bid) to understand the following:

- The extent and importance of the communications-related component
- How Digital's capabilities in this area were assessed by the customer
- The sources of the communications resources
- Quality and profitability of the communications-related services

Note: Special attention should be paid to situations where there was an opportunity to supply an ongoing communications service as part of a systems integration project. In INPUT's experience there are considerable opportunities in connection with systems integration projects to supply short or long term applications-specific telecommunication <u>services</u>. This may mean "going around" the established telecommunications management and network to do so.

F. Identify Potential Partnership Situations

There are two partnership options: Internal and external.

1. INTERNAL

Internally, a partnership would presumably flow through the systems integration organization. However, it is INPUT's understanding that Digital's 25 or so professional services branches in the U.S. have great leeway in the types of arrangements that they make with other firms. It will be important to understand exactly what the business and organizational options are.



2. EXTERNAL

The scope for external arrangements is very broad, given the "halo" effect of Digital's name.

- There would be a direct, subcontracting relationship with systems integration firms that do not have the capability of supplying communications services (e.g., the Big Six except for Andersen).
- Digital could also enter into joint venture relationships with firms like GEIS or Infonet which, surprisingly, do not have the credibility of Digital.
- Since Digital is not under the same constraints as AT&T or the RBOCs, one or more joint ventures could be feasible here as well. Similar opportunities may exist with PTS as they emerge from their cocoons.

The partnership issues are very complex and would need more investigation and analysis before preceding.



VI. SUMMARY

The results of the market study have shown that there are probably fewer opportunities than expected in CT providing traditional communication services.

However, the market acceptability of Digital as a supplier of communications services provides Digital with an opportunity that many other firms would envy.

This reputation could provide a real advantage in entering new, fast-growing communications-related markets.



THE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY FOR OFFERING CONNECTIVITY AND VALUE-ADDED SERVICES TO THE GLOBAL MARKETPLACE

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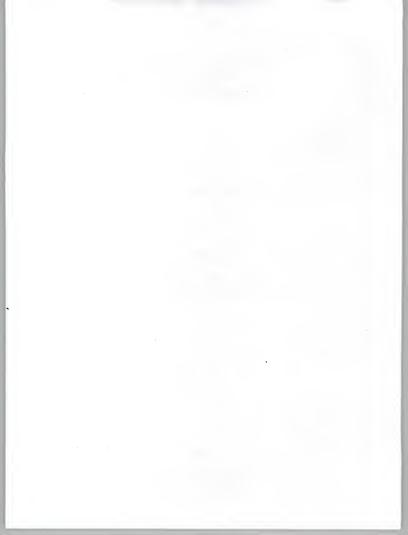
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I. INTRODUCTION

A. Background

INPUT was engaged by Corporate Telecommunications (CT) to assess the opportunity for offering end-to-end connectivity and value-added services to the global marketplace. The range of services that could be offered to the market is shown in Exhibit 1-1.

The study covers the following issues:

- The size and nature of the overall opportunity
- The geographic differences in the opportunity, i.e., between the U.S., Europe and Asia/Pacific
- Differentiating the opportunity between Levels 1b, 2 and 3 on Exhibit I-1.
- Assessing the perceptions of Digital's capabilities to offer these services as viewed by potential customers.
- The risks of entry, both market-based and regulatory.
- The organizational implications of addressing the opportunity

These initial objectives were modified somewhat, as will be described below, after the initial results of the study were reviewed with CT.

Preliminary results were presented at a CT staff meeting in Rochester, New York on April 3, 1992. As result of that meeting it was agreed to expand the survey base from global companies to include a more diverse selection of companies (see "Methodology", below). There were also several adjustments made to the questionnaire, principally to include more detail on OSI plans for companies where this was a priority.

There was a later telephone conference review on May 15, 1992 with the Digital project managers to verbally review findings. The major result of that review was agreement to include information on additional market opportunities that were outside the scope of the initial study, based on existing INPUT materials and assessments. This material is included in Chapter IV.

B. Methodology

The original methodology was aimed at interviewing 36 large international companies in the U.S., Europe and Asia/Pacific. As a result of the April 3 briefing it was agreed that the interview program should be further expanded to cover a more diverse set of companies in the U.S. and Europe to see if there were additional opportunities beyond international companies.

- Twenty additional interviews were added, as shown in Exhibit I-2.
- U.S. respondents were divided into ten multi-billion dollar companies and 14 companies that were in the \$500 million - \$1 billion class (Exhibit I-3).
- European interviews were segmented as follows:
 - -- European-based firms with a global focus
 - -- Firms with a European focus
 - Enterprises with primarily a single-country focus
 - Firms interviewed are shown in Exhibit I-4
 - Note: In subsequent analysis it turned out that the differences between European firms was generally relatively slight, consequently exact classifications became less important.
- Asia/Pacific interviews are shown in Exhibit I-5.

Respondents were well informed and able to answer virtually all questions (in a few cases certain pieces of information were held to be proprietary). The most common title was "Director" within the telecommunications function; some vice presidents and managers were interviewed as well. (Less seniors titles were more common in larger enterprises with a specialized telecommunications planning function.)

The diagram in Exhibit I-1 proved to be very effective in ensuring consistent definitions and understanding across different geographies and languages.

Interviews were conducted locally in Europe, Asia/Pacific and the U.S. All interviews were conducted by telephone, except in Japan, where face-to-face interviewing is the cultural norm. In many cases respondents received a copy of the questionnaire before the actual interview; this was quite effective as a means of collecting quantitative information; in a few cases, respondents faxed a completed questionnaire back and there was subsequently telephone follow-up.

The size of the interview samples for particular geographies tended to be on the small side and some of the numeric computations consequently have a larger margin of error than usual. However, because so many of the key findings appear unambiguous, INPUT does not believe that a larger interview panel or more face-to-face interviews would have had a material effect on the results

C. Structure of this Report

This report is intended to capture key findings and recommendations in preparation for the voice conference meeting on June 3. For this report several secondary items have been omitted to save space and readers' time, among them:

- A copy of the questionnaire used.
- Exemplary comments from respondents
- Finer analytic breakdowns that turned out not to show significant differences (e.g., intra-European differences, vendor ratings for specific capabilities)

The final report will include this material, plus other points that may be raised at the June 3 meeting.

Network-Based

Applications

(Examples)

Levels of Communication Services

Electronic Mail (within an enterprise)

Electronic Mail (between enterprises)

Employee Locator (on-line) Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Video OSI : TCP/: DEC SNA Packet Frame : Bulk Enhanced Communications IP : Net : Switching Relay Data Services Transfer: (Examples) Value-added bandwidth (examples) (1b) Expedited delivery · Quickly adjustable bandwidth Defined performance levels · Cross-border service Pure bandwidth (e.g., tariffed circuits from carriers)

INTERVIEW DISTRIBUTION

U.S.	24
Europe	20
Asia/Pacific	<u>12</u>
TOTAL	56

U.S. INTERVIEWS

Large Companies (\$1 billion plus)

Hughes

McDonnell Douglas

Northrop

Pepsico

Postal Service

Rockwell

Seagrams

Sears

Security Pacific

Wells Fargo

Medium-Sized Companies (\$500 million-\$1 billion)

Acustar

Alabama Power

American General Life

Baxter

Brooklyn Union

Citibank Mortgage

Commonwealth Electric

Gould Pump

InterAmerican Bank

Niagara Mohawk

Racal (U.S.)

Royal Insurance

Steelcase

University of Chicago

EUROPEAN INTERVIEWS

Single Country Focus

British Coal

CCTA

Confederation

Lloyds

Preussag

Smiths

Societe General

Sollac

European Focus

Arjo

BOC

Ford Europe

Grand Metropolitan

ICI

Philips Petroleum (Europe)

Rank

Global Focus (European-based)

BP

Hoescht

Hoffman-LaRoche

Nestle

Shell

ASIA-PACIFIC INTERVIEWS

BHP

BP

Cathay Pacific

Challenge Bank

Citibank (Singapore)

Hong Kong Bank

Mitsubishi Shoji

Nichirei

Nikki

Reuters (Singapore)

Thorn EMI

Westpac Bank

II. RESEARCH FINDINGS

The findings are organized into the following categories:

- Telecommunications expenditures
- Importance of data network issues
- Network-based applications opportunities
- Enhanced services opportunities
- "Value-added Bandwidth" service opportunity
- Vendor ratings

Note the terminology created in Exhibit I-1 ("network-based applications", "Enhanced Services" and "Value-added Bandwidth") has been used in this section for major categories.

A. Telecommunications Expenditures

One of the most important findings was that telecommunications budgets are expected to be flat worldwide (Exhibit II-1).

- This average is <u>not</u> the result of a number of high-growth companies balanced by negative growth companies. The majority of responses clustered quite close to zero. In fact, "zero" was the most common response to questions of overall growth.
- In-house personnel expenses are generally seen as growing in line with inflation, i.e., supporting a flat head count.
- Equipment and, especially, circuit expenses are seen as declining.
 Essentially, telecommunications departments are hoping to fund increased staff expenses with savings from outside vendors. One effect of this is for oustomers to place more emphasis on driving costs down from vendors rather than obtaining "improved service". This has implications for the proposed CT services that will be discussed at greater length later in this chapter.

It should be strongly noted that this flatness pertains only to "traditional" communications services which are supplied centrally. Two major exceptions to this spending pattern, systems integration services and LAN services/support, are discussed in detail in Chapter IV.

B. Importance of Data Network Issues

The relative importance of different issues that are facing communications operations has a significant impact on companies' usage of outside services. Exhibit II-2 shows the relative importance of major issues. (These issues are arranged according the importance of the issues in large U.S. companies for purposes of comparison and contrast.)

- Reducing costs is exceptionally important in all geographies, except medium-sized U.S. companies, where it is still quite important. This finding is not at all surprising, given the direction of budgets.
- The large U.S. companies feel under pressure to make improvements across a number of areas:
 - -- Service quality and reliability
 - -- Staff skills
 - Responsiveness to both internal and external users

It is an open question, of course, how they will meet these goals in a nogrowth environment.

- The other geographies have the same general priorities, but attach somewhat less importance to each issue. This probably shows both a better sense of what is practical. In addition, in some of these organizations telecommunications is relatively less important to the business. This last point is brought out clearly in the relative importance given to improving responsiveness to an enterprise's own customers:
 - Large U.S. firms attach considerable importance to this since, in many cases, these enterprises are communicating directly with customers.
 - This is less so in other geographies or for medium-sized U.S. companies.
- In general all companies showed low interest in outsourcing telecommunications functions. However, it should be noted that outsourcing interest and decisions usually take place at the general management level, as opposed to the technical management level.
- There was only modest interest generally in offering new communications services. This is consistent with the overall budget situation.

C. Network-Based Applications Opportunities

Exhibit II-3 shows the percent of respondents in each geography that are currently using specific network-based applications as well as their future plans for significant changes (either replacing a current offering or installing a new offering).

Internal E-Mail is heavily used in all geographies. Medium-sized U.S. companies are least satisfied with their current system and half are looking for replacements (or, more commonly, standardizing on one of multiple systems). This situation presents opportunities. However, opportunities appear to be for software product vendors: Virtually all current and targeted systems are software-based, resident on the customer's own network. The interest in a service based on a vendor's network is very small.

External E-mail systems currently in use (often integrated with the internal E-mail system) range from 80% penetration in large U.S. companies to 8% in Asia/Pacific. Future plans are more modest than for internal systems and, again, are almost all software based.

The penetration of employee locator systems is, broadly speaking similar to external E-mail, but at a lower level of intensity.

- The employee locator is also often integrated with the E-mail system.
- Similarly, these are all software-driven (and not provided as a service)
 - Most importantly, there are few plans for additional changes.
- EDI is fairly widely used, except in Asia/Pacific. Much of this function is executed in a service environment.
 - However, there are relatively few plans for significant changes; most of the activities involve expanding the use of current systems and improving the underlying applications.
 - This finding is consistent with INPUTs other information on the EDI market which comes from INPUTs subscription program in EDI.

D. Enhanced Services Opportunities

Exhibit II-4 summarizes the importance of enhanced services across geographies. These are arranged in the order of importance for large U.S. companies, which is also roughly the order overall, especially for the top half of the list.

- Obviously, SNA is of some importance to all companies, especially the largest companies with an SNA "tradition".
- TCP/IP is also relatively important. However, it should be pointed out that a ratings ranging from 3.1 to 3.6 are not especially impressive.
- There is some interest in OSI-based networks. It may be recalled that because of the high relative showing of OSI in the early interviews that it was agreed that more probes would be added to the enterprises that rated OSI relatively high. The results do not indicate very much current market activity:
 - Relatively few firms had implemented or were implementing OSI networks now; a few were engaged in testing, but it did not appear to be a high priority item.
 - Most firms that showed an interest were speaking in terms of potential future importance: Where timing was given (or known), milestones were usually several years in the future.

There are some additional differences in need by geography:

- Medium-sized U.S. firms place somewhât higher importance on OSI networks; however, all the caveats in the preceding paragraph apply to these firms also.
- The medium-sized U.S. firms place more importance on frame relay than any other group.
- Asia/Pacific, on the other hand places more importance on packet switching. These differences may relate to the relative maturity of the two geographic markets.
- The intensity of needs in Europe in general appear to be somewhat less than the other geographies.

In general, where enterprises are planning change and expansion, their plans assume utilizing the network (or networks) currently developed and under their control. There was a widespread feeling among respondents that current networks represented investments (or "sunk costs") that should be leveraged in applying new services or functionality. INPUT believes that this kind of thinking is responsible for network service providers such as Infonet or GEIS being somewhat less visible as service providers (see "F" below for more detail).

E. "Value-Added Bandwidth" Service Opportunity

A substantial minority of respondents in each geography say they are utilizing these services now (Exhibit II-5). The services provided fall into two general categories:

- Companies (generally larger companies) that have reached a critical mass in size and expertise are able to make special arrangements with carriers and/or manage their own networks in this fashion.
- Companies, especially overseas, view improvements in service or terms by Telcos/PTTs as falling into this category. This does not represent special treatment for a company, but an overall improvement in service levels, in excess of previous customer expectations.

In Europe and Asia/Pacific a quarter of respondents were considering such a service. However, this generally took the form of "We'll certainly consider any offering such as that". There was no indication that much, if any, higher price would be paid for such services beyond what they would pay a carrier themselves.

F. Vendor Ratings

One of the most important aspects of the study was to learn how Digital would be viewed as a vendor in this market. There are two considerations:

- How <u>visible</u> is Digital as a vendor or potential vendor? That is, if only a few potential customers viewed Digital as a serious entry, it would matter far less that Digital was rated highly by those who did have an opinion.
- Once the visibility hurdle has been surmounted, the question is: How capable is Digital viewed?

The answers to both questions are quite positive:

 Digital has good to excellent "visibility" in every geography (see Exhibit II-6, which is arranged in the order of visibility in large U.S. companies). Very little separates Digital from the leading company in each geography -in fact, Digital is the leading company in Asia/Pacific. While respondents were not asked why they felt able to rate Digital, INPUT believes the following factors are involved:

- In the U.S., Digital has benefited from a few very visible outsourcing contracts.
- -- There is a tendency to give large, technology-oriented companies "the benefit of the doubt" in this kind of situation.
- Digital is well-known for its networking efforts and perhaps its recent communications-oriented positioning has borne fruit.
- Somewhat more surprising is the generally good marks that Digital receives for actually being capable of supplying such services (Exhibit II-7). Except in large U.S. companies, Digital actually rates first or second in each geography.
 - These ratings are even more impressive since Digital has not been offering these services on a standalone basis.
 - Obviously, the same kind of "halo" effects described in the previous paragraph are operating here as well.
 - It seems ironic that Digital rates higher than GEIS or Infonet as they have been offering some of these services for quite some time.
- Note also that PTTs in Europe and Asia/Pacific receive equivalent ratings to U.S. RBOCs. The verbal comments of respondents indicate the PTTs as a group are trying much harder to deliver services and are viewed as increasingly responsive.

Finally, it is not necessary for Digital to offer a full set of telecommunications services, i.e., be a sort of telephone company. Except for Asia/Pacific, a very large majority of respondents were willing to pick and choose services and deal with multiple vendors to get the services and benefits that they needed (Exhibit II-8).

EXPECTED TELECOMM BUDGET GROWTH

Geography	Range	<u>Median</u>
US - Large	-25% to 15%	0
US - Medium	-20% to 100%	0
Europe	-20% to 16%	0
A/P	-10% to 50%	-2%

Exhibit II-2

IMPORTANCE OF DATA NETWORK ISSUES IN EACH GEOGRAPHY

	Importance*					
Change	Large	.S. <u>Medium</u>	Europe	A/P		
Reduce costs	4.8	3.9	4.4	4.1		
Improve service quality	4.2	3.8	3.5	3.8		
Improve service reliability	4.2	3.4	3.6	3.8		
Improve staff skills	3.9	4.4	3.2	3.6		
Improve responsiveness to internal users	3.8	3.1	2.7	3.0		
Improve responsiveness to customers	3.8	3.4	3.4	3.7		
Reduce head count	3.0	2.1	3.0	3.0		
Offer new communications service	2.5	2.7	3.1	3.1		
Outsource services or functions	1.7	2.1	2.8	2.1		

Note: Differences of 0.4 or less are not significant.

Exhibit II-3

NETWORK-BASED APPLICATIONS BY GEOGRAPHY (% of Respondents)

		U	U.S		
		Large	Medium	Europe	<u>A/P</u>
E-m	ail (Internal)				
	Currently in use	80%	100%	75%	83%
•	Significant changes planned	30%	50%	10%	10%
E-m	ail (External)				
	Currently in use	80%	50%	25%	8%
	Significant changes planned	30%	21%		
Em	ployee locator				
	Currently in use	60%	29%	10%	8%
•	Significant changes planned	10%			
EDI					
	Currently in use	50%	57%	60%	17%
	Significant changes		21%	10%	

Exhibit II-4

IMPORTANCE OF ENHANCED SERVICES IN EACH GEOGRAPHY

	Importance*			
Service	Large U	.S. <u>Medium</u>	Europe	A/P
SNA	3.8	3.2	3.3	3.6
TCP/IP network	3.5	3.6	3.3	3.1
OSI-based network	3.0	3.4	2.8	2.6
DECNet	3.0	2.9	2.7	2.9
Video	3.2	3.3	2.3	2.3
Bulk data transfer	3.0	3.0	2.4	2.8
Frame Relay	2.5	3.6	2.3	3.0
Packet Switching	2.4	2.5	3.1	3.6

Note: Differences of 0.4 or less are not significant.

USE OF "VALUE-ADDED BANDWIDTH" SERVICES

	U.S.			
	<u>Large</u>	Medium	Europe	<u>A/P</u>
Using "Value-added Bandwidth" Now	30%	29%	42%	25%
Not using, but considering	10%		25%	25%

"VISIBILITY" OF POTENTIAL COMMUNICATION SERVICES VENDORS

(% of Respondents Able to Rate)

	U	.S		
Vendor	<u>Large</u>	Medium	Europe	A/P
AT&T	90%	93%	60%	92%
IBM	90%	93%	65%	92%
Telcos*	90%	86%	55%	83%
DEC	80%	79%	55%	100%
EDS	80%	43%	10%	50%
ВТ	60%	43%	75%	92%
GEIS	50%	50%	40%	75%
Infonet	50%	10%	35%	42%

^{*}RBOC(s) in U.S.; PTT(s) elsewhere

RATINGS OF COMMUNICATION SERVICES VENDORS

			U.S.					
	Larg	je	Me	dium_	Europe		Asia/Pacific	
	Rating	Rank	Rating	Rank	Rating	Rank	Rating	Rank
AT&T	3.5	2	3.9	1	3.5	1	2.9	6
IBM	3.6	1	3.5	3	3.3	2	3.3	2
Telcos	3.1	4	3.3	4	3.3	2	3.3	2
DEC	3.1	4	3.6	2	3.3	2	3.4	1
EDS	3.1	4	(3.0)		(3.0)		2.8	7
вт	3.1	4	(2.8)		3.0	5	3.2	4
GEIS	2.0	8	3.2	5	(3.1)		3.0	` 5
Infonet	3.5	2	(3.0)		(3.0)		(2.6)	

Note

- Ratings are the combined ratings for network-based applications and enhanced communications services and, on a scale of 1 to 5, 1=low and 5=high. Differences of 0.4 or less are not significant.
- Ratings in parentheses are for vendors rated by under half of respondents and are not ranked.

ACCEPTABILITY OF OFFERING LIMITED SELECTION OF COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES (Percent of Respondents)

U.S.

Large 100%
Medium 86%

Europe 95%

Asia/Pacific 70%

III. RESEARCH FINDINGS: CONCLUSIONS

A. The Market Situation

There are two key market-related findings that emerged from the study:

- Telecommunications operations are under severe cost pressures. The net effect is that "new" spending must displace old spending; where enterprises are trying to cut outside spending anyway, this makes it even more difficult for a new service or new vendor to be added.
- As both a cause and effect of the preceding point, customers are planning relatively few new services planned in Digital's target service areas.

B. Digital's Competitive Position

The most important finding is that Digital is very well positioned in customers' minds as a supplier of communications services. One of the key challenges for Digital is to take advantage of this situation in view of the market situation.

A secondary issue is the PTTs are viewed as being relatively capable to supply a variety of value-added services. In essence, the window of opportunity that Digital felt was still open in Europe and Asia/Pacific is beginning to close earlier than expected.

C. The Changing Nature of the Telecommunications Function

In INPUTs opinion, both of the market factors identified in section "A" above are a result of the changing nature of the telecommunications function: Telecommunications is increasingly being viewed as part of an organization's infrastructure, providing a kind of "utility" service. This "cost center" mentality is such that during economic downturns, such as the one that many firms worldwide are going through, telecommunications is viewed as an area where costs can be saved or deferred.

Actually, based on research that INPUT has performed, the problem is deeper than a temporary economic downturn: More and more systems and communications initiatives are being driven by (a) overall business needs and (b) end users. As will be shown in Chapter IV, many of the future telecommunications opportunities lie outside of the classic telecommunications function.

D. Digital's Opportunity

INPUT believes that Digital has the opportunity to become a factor in supplying communications-based services because of the market's receptivity.

However, the opportunity may not lie in supplying standalone communication services in the narrower sense. The next chapter will describe two related opportunity areas and provide a preliminary contrast to narrower, more traditional telecommunications services.

IV. RELATED MARKET OPPORTUNITIES

This chapter describes two market opportunities that have a significant communications component: Systems integration and LAN service/support.

A. Description of the Opportunities

1. SYSTEMS INTEGRATION

Systems integration is an activity with varying definitions. INPUT's definition, which is widely accepted. is:

Systems integration is a business offering that provides a complete solution to an information system, networking or automation requirement through the custom selection and implementation of a variety of information system products and services. A systems integrator is responsible for the overall management of a systems integrator contract and is the single point of contact and responsibility to the buyer for the delivery of the specified system function, on schedule and at the contracted price.

These products and services include:

- Equipment
 - Information systems
 - Communications
- Software products
 - Systems software
 - Applications software
- Professional services
 - Consulting
 - -- Feasibility and tradeoff studies
 - -- Selectoin of equipment, network, and software
 - Project management
 - Design/integration
 - -- Systems design
 - -- Installation of equipment, network, and software

- Demonstration and testing
- Software development
 - -- Modification of software packages
 - Modification of existing software
 - Custom development of software
- Education/training and documentation
- Systems operations/maintenance
- Data/voice communication services
- Other miscellaneous products/services
- Site preparation
 - Data processing supplies
 - Processing/network services

2. NETWORKED LAN SUPPORT

"Networked LAN support" is a still evolving service concept. Based on recent INPUT research and analysis, the focus of this support is LANs that are connected to other LANs or other computer systems. There are currently over 12 million PC/workstations currently connected to such environments in the U.S. along.

The range of potential services includes:

- Strategy and planning
- Design
 - Network design
 - Product evaluation, selection and/or acquisition
 - Configuration design
- Implementation
 - Connectivity to other networks
 - Custom software development
 - Multivendor integraiton

- Support and operations
 - Help desk and defect support
 - Problem analysis and performance management
 - Backup and recovery
 - Network operations and management
 - Education and training

B. Market Size

The worldwide systems integration market is a was a \$9 billion dollar market in 1991 (Exhibit IV-1). What is most interesting from Digital's standpoint is that in the U.S. almost one-third of this market is communications-related systems integration. (INPUT does not have detailed data for other geographies at this time, but believes the proportions are similar.).

A less visible, but very large market is that providing service/support for networked LANS. This market was over \$3 billion in 1991 in the U.S. alone (Exhibit IV-1). (INPUT believes that the current markets in Europe and Asia/Pacific are considerably smaller, but will enter a period of high growth by 1994.)

Note: INPUT cannot at this time break out the communications support component of the systems operations (outsourcing) market. However, this is obviously also a significant market.

These communications markets are growing at almost 30% annually compared to the zero growth in traditional telecommunications services (Exhibit IV-2).

Based on other research, INPUT believes that Digital would find good acceptance in the networked LAN support market.

Note: INPUT does not have current data on Digital's acceptability in providing communications-related systems integration or communications-related systems operations (outsourcino).

C. Characteristics of Related Markets

Digital should understand that these related markets have quite different characteristics from the traditional telecommunications market, even for the types of value-added services that CT is now prepared to supply. This section will summarize some of the difference from a market standpoint.

Both the systems integration and networked LAN support markets are typified by:

- Significant vertical application importance
- High end user involvement in systems decision making
- An access to ad hoc or additional funding ("new money") that is typically unavailable to telecommunications operations
- An openness to outside solutions and vendor services

Exhibit IV-4 contrasts these two opportunity areas to traditional telecommunications services.

There are additional implications to the complex of traits shown in Exhibit IV-4:

- There is much less sensitivity toward price in these newer areas; "valueadded" is a real proposition.
- Systems integration and LAN projects have high-level executive visibility.
- In spite of this, the overall technical risk is generally lower in systems integration and LAN support functions.

These contrasts are shown in Exhibit IV-5.

CURRENT AND FUTURE MARKET SIZE

	Market Size (\$ billion)			
Market	Current	<u>Future</u>		
Systems Integration				
· Total Commercial (U.S.)	\$4.4	\$10.5		
	(1991)	(1996)		
· Communications-related (U.S.)	1.3	3.6		
	(1991)	(1995)		
· Europe	3.4	7.9		
	(1991)	(1996)		
· Asia/Pacific	3.2	8.5		
	(1991)	(1996)		
Networked LAN Support (U.S.)	5.8	10.4		
	(1991)	(1994)		

Source: INPUT Forecasts

ANNUAL GROWTH RATES IN SELECTED COMMUNICATIONS AREA

Area	CAGR*	Time Period
Traditional Telecommunications	0	1992-1995
Systems Integration	19%	1991-1996
· Total Commercial (U.S.)		
· Communications-related (U.S.)	29%	1991-1995
· Europe	19%	1991-1996
Asia/Pacific	20%	1991-1996
Networked LAN Support (U.S.)	30%	1991-1994

Source: INPUT Studies

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* CAGR = Compound Annual Growth Rate

DIGITAL ACCEPTABILITY AS A VENDOR IN COMMUNICATION SERVICE MARKETS

Market Digital Acceptability

Traditional
Telecommunications
Services Very good

Systems Integration/ Communications-related Unknown

Networked LAN Support Good

Source: INPUT Research

CHARACTERISTICS OF COMMUNICATION SERVICES OPPORTUNITIES

<u>Opportunity</u>	Vertical Application <u>Driven</u>	End User Involvement	Access to "New Money"	Openness to Outside Solutions
Traditional Telecommunica- tions Services	Medium to Low	Low	Low	Medium to Low
Systems Integration	Very High	High	Very High	High-(End User) Low-(IS)
Networked LAN Support	Medium (& growing)	High	Very High	High

Source: INPUT Research (U.S., Europe)

INPUT ASSESSMENT OF COMMUNICATION SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Opportunity	Price Sensitivity	Positive <u>Visibility</u>	Perceived Value-added	Technical <u>Risk</u>
Traditional Telecommuni- cations Services	High	Low	Low to Medium	High
Systems Integration	Low	High	High	Medium to High
Networked LAN Support	Medium	High	Medium (& growing)	Medium (& growing)

Source: INPUT Assessment

V. RECOMMENDATIONS

INPUT believes that CT should examine the role that it could play in offering nontraditional telecommunication services. To do this will involve the activities outlined below.

A. Identify Additional Service Opportunities

This report went into some detail on systems integration and networked LAN support. References were made to systems operations (outsourcing). Other potential areas should be identified and analyzed.

B. Identify Additional Information on Systems Integration and Networked LAN Support

There are several voids in INPUT's current data, including:

- Communications-related systems integration market sizing outside the U.S.
- Networked LAN support outside the U.S.
- The communications support proportion of systems operations (outsourcing)

INPUT does not believe that these voids are critical for initial decision making; however, if required, INPUT would assist in developing additional sizing information.

INPUT does believe that it is important to confirm whether Digital has the same type of communications capability "halo" for providing systems integration-related services as was found for traditional communications and for networked LAN support. Such data may already be in Digital's possession.

C. Identify Service Components

This report only identified in general terms the communications-oriented service components required to support these markets and the relationship of these to other components. Again, some or all of this information may already be in the possession of Digital.

D. Match Skill Sets to Service Components

One of the key reasons for identifying service components ("C" above) is to match these with the skill sets within CT (and Digital overall) in order to assess strengths and identify areas where training or personnel is required. One example is the needed for additional resources to support professional services and consulting.

E. Review Digital Systems Integration Bids

To gain further insight into Digitial-specific opportunities, Digital should review recent systems integration bidding situations (both where Digital bid and chose not to bid) to understand the following:

- The extent and importance of the communications-related component
- How Digital's capabilities in this area were assessed by the customer
- The sources of the communications resources.
- Quality and profitability of the communications-related services

Note: Special attention should be paid to situations where there was an opportunity to supply an ongoing communications service as part of a systems integration project. In INPUTs experience there are considerable opportunities in connection with systems integration projects to supply short or long term applications-specific telecommunication <u>services</u>. This may mean "going around" the established telecommunications management and network to do so.

F. Identify Potential Partnership Situations

There are two partnership options: Internal and external.

1. INTERNAL

Internally, a partnership would presumably flow through the systems integration organization. However, it is INPUTs understanding that Digital's 25 or so professional services branches in the U.S. have great leeway in the types of arrangements that they make with other firms. It will be important to understand exactly what the business and organizational options are.

2. EXTERNAL

The scope for external arrangements is very broad, given the "halo" effect of Digital's name.

- There would be a direct, subcontracting relationship with systems integration firms that do not have the capability of supplying communications services (e.g., the Big Six except for Andersen).
- Digital could also enter into joint venture relationships with firms like GEIS or Infonet which, surprisingly, do not have the credibility of Digital.
- Since Digital is not under the same constraints as AT&T or the RBOCs, one or more joint ventures could be feasible here as well. Similar opportunities may exist with PTTs as they emerge from their coccons.

The partnership issues are very complex and would need more investigation and analysis before preceding.

VI. SUMMARY

The results of the market study have shown that there are probably fewer opportunities than expected in CT providing traditional communication services.

However, the market acceptability of Digital as a supplier of communications services provides Digital with an opportunity that many other firms would envy.

This reputation could provide a real advantage in entering new, fast-growing communications-related markets.

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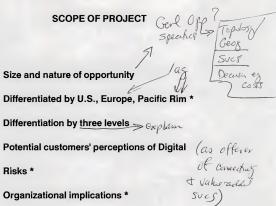
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- Scope of Study
- Approach
- · Preliminary Report
 - Next Steps





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INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS STUDY: **TOPICS SUMMARY**

ENVIRONMENT

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1. Major characteristics of voice/data network(s)

Nodes

Protocols, standards data coma

2. 1992 costs and percentage change

> In-house personnel Circuits/transmission costs Equipment **Facilities** External services vendors Overhead

Total

Reduce costs

General trends in communications costs 1992-1994

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- New applications/functions planned for data network in next three years
 - Performance standards established/planned. Changes. Strong points of existing data network. Improvements planned. Barriers to improvement. (Weaknessen)
- Importance of changes to data network. Types of changes:

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Reduce head count Improve staff skills Improve service reliability Improve responsiveness to internal users Improve responsiveness to customers Offer new communications service Outsource services or functions



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EXHIBIT-1

Levels of Communication Services

	3	Network-Based Applications (Examples)	Electronic Mail (within an enterprise) Electronic Mail (between enterprises)					
			Employee Locator (on-line) Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)					
	2	Enhanced Communications Services (Examples)	OSI TCP/ DEC NA Packet Frame Bulk Video IP Net Switching Relay Data Transfer					
N	(1b)	Value-added band Expedited deliv Defined perform	, ,					
	(1a)	Pure bandwidth (e.g., tariffed circuits from carriers)						

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LEVELS OF COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

- Current use of "Network-based Applications". Size/cost. Supplier. Satisfaction. Plans.
- 8. Importance of "Enhanced Services"

scaled

OSI-based network TCP/IP network DECNet SNA Packet switching Frame relay Bulk data transfer Video

Current use of "Value-added bandwidth" services

Now using: Type. Source. Trade-offs.

Considering using: Type. Source. Trade-offs

Not using/considering: Under what conditions would use be considered? Trade-offs.

- 10. Must a vendor offer all three levels of services to be considered viable?
- Amount of knowledge of specific vendors in each of three areas (in exhibit). Rating of capabilities.

AT&T British Telecom Digital Equipment (DEC) EDS GE Information Services (GEIS) IBM Infonet Regional U.S. Telcos (as a group)

National telecomm carrier [by non-U.S. respondents]

12 "Advice"

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U.S. RESPONDENTS

Alabama Power

Hughes

Northrop

Pepsico

Postal Service

Rockwell

Seagrams

Sears

Security Pacific



EUROPEAN RESPONDENTS

Arjo-wiggins

ВP

Confederation Life

Ford Europe

Phillips Petroleum (Europe)

Philips Electronics



RESPONDENT PROFILE

- Telecomm management
- Responsive to virtually all questions (a few were proprietary)
- Median data communication expenditures: approximately \$100 million (budgets complex)

Growth: flat or down

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(VS LAN-relatel 282 CAGR)



APPLICATIONS (U.S.)

- Internal E-mail
 - Most firms have it
 - Variety of suppliers (IBM, DEC, Microsoft)
 - Satifaction: medium (fair to very good)
- External E-mail
 - About half have it
 - IBM principal vendor (PROFS)
 - Lower satisfaction
- Employee Locator
 - About half have it
 - Satisfaction: good
 - EDI
 - About half have it
 - Satisfaction: good to excellent
- · Few significant expansions planned



APPLICATIONS (EUROPE)

- Lower intensity than U.S.
 - Internal E-mail and EDI
- Mixed satisfaction
- No significant plans



"VALUE-ADDED BANDWIDTH"

U.S.

- Three using it now
 - Sprint
 - In-house (2) 6 -it-yourself
- One considering
- · Others not active

Europe

Lower level of activity



ACCEPTABILITY OF LIMITED OFFERINGS ACROSS "THREE LAYERS" (U.S. AND EUROPE)

- Acceptable to all respondents
- · Used to dealing with multiple vendors
- · "We will use a vendor who offers what we need."

depresentative



Small sample

CUSTOMER KNOWLEDGE OF VENDOR OFFERINGS AND RATING OF CAPABILITIES (U.S.)

	<u>Applications</u>		Enhanced Services		Value-Added Bandwidth	
<u>Vendor</u>	Knowledge	Capabilities	Knowledge	<u>Capabilities</u>	Knowledge	Capabilities
		- confidence - open-mind			1 4	ch of sule 322.7
Digital	3.6	3.3	3.4	3.4	2.4	Je 322.7
AT&T	3.4	3.8	3.4	3.7	2.8	2.7
вт	2.2	2.8	2.1	3.3	1.9	3.0
EDS	2.7	2.7	2.4	3.2	1.8	2.8
GEIS	1.9	2.0	1.8	3.0	1.8	2.7
IBM	3.7	3.8	3.4	3.7	3.2	2.7
Infonet	2.1	3.5	2.1	3.3	1.8	3.0
RBOCs*	3.3	3.3	3.8	3.4	3.3	3.4

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CUSTOMER KNOWLEDGE OF VENDOR OFFERINGS AND RATING OF CAPABILITIES (EUROPE)

- Level of knowledge of U.S.-based vendors: low
- U.S. "names" given credit for capabilities (AT&T, DEC, IBM)
- · BT capabilities generally good



ADVICE TO PROSPECTIVE VENDOR (U.S.)

- "Don't, market is glutted"
- · "Low cost and customer service"
- · "Check with user, find out what they need"
- · "Be aware of customers' needs and expense limits"
- "There are different needs here in ."
- "Talk to customers first!"
- · "Visit the customers."



ADVICE TO PROSPECTIVE VENDOR (EUROPE)

- "First, must offer functionality <u>and</u> quality, at a good price"
- "Market may be in smaller companies" (who are not self-sufficient)
- "Understand what's being offered and make sure they can do better"
- "Can't buy in on price alone"
- "Flexible pricing of products and services and <u>no</u> bundling"



PRELIMINARY FINDINGS

- · Cost and service critical
- OSI: growing importance in U.S.
- · Digital has a good reputation, especially for an unknown
- · "Cherry-picking" acceptable



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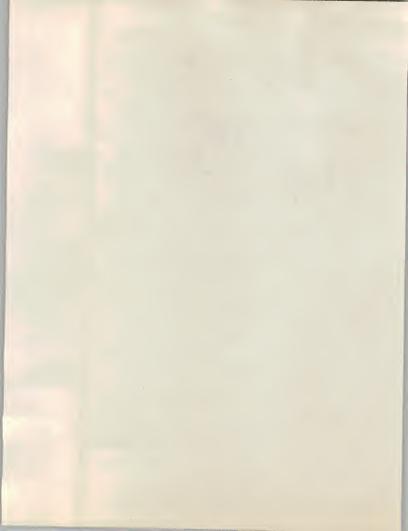
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A PROPOSAL

TO ASSESS THE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY FOR OFFERING WAN SERVICES TO THE GLOBAL MARKETPLACE

Submitted to:

Corporate Telecommunications
Digital Equipment Corp.
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February 21, 1992 (Revised Version)

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I. OBJECTIVES

Corporate Telecommunications (CT) within Digital is assessing the business opportunity for offering end-to-end connectivity and value-added services to the global marketplace.

INPUT has been invited to submit a proposal which would help Digital evaluate this opportunity. The research would focus on the size and nature of the opportunity. This proposal describes the first phase of evaluation, concentrating on market issues.

II. SCOPE

The overall scope of this study is described in the "Business Planning Content Guide" which was reviewed with INPUT in a meeting with CT staff on January 24. This phase will concentrate on "Market Analysis" (Section III). Other sections, especially Section V, "Financial Plans and Business Models", would be addressed in a later phase.

INPUT's approach to this project will address the following:

- (1) The size and nature of the business opportunity available to Digital in general for "connectivity" for (A) Digital's transmission network, for (B) Digital's data network and for (C) value-added services (size by geography U.S., Europe, GIA)
- (2) What are the risks in providing "connectivity" (i.e., regulatory legal security, barriers to entry, competitive, impact from carriers on Digital, investment, return, etc.)
- (3) What is the relation between providing end-to-end connectivity services and providing systems integration services (using the concept "systems integration" in the broadest sense)? To what extent is outsourcing an issue with customers?
- (4) Does Digital as a corporation have special advantages or disadvantages in supplying these services?
- (5) What are the factors which will affect the size and growth of this market? How similar will conditions be in the U.S., Europe and GIA?
- (6) Will Digital be more successful by creating a wholly-owned subsidiary (i.e., separate company) in providing WAN services to the marketplace?



INPUT will focus on the opportunity across a cross-section of potential customers. Additional customer sets can be researched in later phases.

INPUT expects that issues will be refined in the course of the project, as a result of initial discussions with CT staff as well as feedback from customer interviews.

NOTE: GIA specifically refers to Hong Kong/Singapore, Japan, and Australia, for purposes of INPUTs evaluation.

III. METHODOLOGY

INPUT will utilize the following sources of information for this project:

- Prior research that INPUT has conducted in this area including the following publicly available studies:
 - -- World Wide Information Services Market
 - -- Network Integration
 - -- Network Operations Management
 - -- U.S. Network Services Market
 - -- European Network Services Market
 - -- Pacific Rim Network Services Market
 - Interviews with potential customers for this service, in the U.S., Europe and GIA

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Interviews (limited) with Digital staff



The insight and overall market knowledge gained from prior custom research and consulting, including:

- A year-long engagement with one of the world's largest enterprises
 assisting them in evaluating the market opportunities for offering their
 internal information systems capabilities to the commercial market.
 Included was an analysis of the opportunities in offering services on
 their very large private network.
- A study for a significant organizational unit within a very large telecommunications company which examined how their services could be offered on a more commercial basis. This included developing a business plan for an expanded series of services.
- Several studies for large financial services firms in which internally-developed products and services were evaluated for their appropriateness for being offered to a wider commercial market. These studies involved considerable external market research.

The following describes the activities of INPUT in this project. In specific instances noted, INPUT will require information or other assistance from CT.

There will be initial discussions with CT staff to refine the scope, as well as to begin preliminary work on interview guides and potential value-added services.

After approval, INPUT will meet with CT staff to review in more detail current and planned offerings and research materials already obtained. INPUT will suggest to Digital the most viable WAN offerings for Digital to present to the marketplace. Digital will prioritize its offerings from the standpoint of its ability to deliver.

As soon as the questionnaire contents are finalized, INPUT will begin interviewing prospective customers.

INPUT recommends that twelve (12) prospective customers be interviewed in the U.S., twelve (12) in Europe, and twelve (12) in GIA. (Note: For purposes of pricing, INPUT is assuming four interviews in Japan.) INPUT anticipates that multiple interviews will be held in many organizations (e.g., CIO, Telecomm Director, CFO and/or general managers). For this study INPUT does not recommend a large survey panel oriented toward producing extensive quantitative analyses. Instead, INPUT intends to obtain in-depth information to help put boundaries around this developing market. As an incentive to take part in the study, respondents will be offered a summary of the study. (This will not contain proprietary material and will be review by Digital before release.)

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Digital and INPUT will review company names and specific contact names where feasible. Since this project is to be completed as quickly as possible, Digital should supply alternate company names to allow for absence or other inability to take part in interviews by key respondents. At the kickoff meeting INPUT and Digital will review the advantages and disadvantages of Digital's name being associated with the interview research for specific companies.

Digital will make available to INPUT for review and validation Digital-developed information and analyses concerning legal and regulatory issues. This should be provided prior to March 9.

INPUT also recommends that six (6) interviews (two per-geography: U.S., Europe and GIA) be conducted with potential distributors of these services to generally assess this channel. A more detailed investigation can be made in a later phase, if warranted.

INPUT will keep Digital informed of the project status on a regular basis. Approximately one-quarter of the way through the customer interviews, INPUT will hold a progress review meeting with Digital by telephone. If there are preliminary findings which suggest a change in research direction, these findings will be brought up and discussed in depth.

INPUT will analyze the interviews and integrate information available from other sources. INPUT will prepare its findings in two forms: overhead transparencies and a written report.

INPUT will prepare two presentations to the DTMC. The initial presentation, at the end of the week of March 30 will provide a preliminary overview of INPUT's findings. This approach will be necessary because interviews will have been only partially completed and only preliminary analysis will have been conducted. Consequently, little or no hard or quantitative data (market sizes, growth rates, market shares, etc.) may be available for that presentation. INPUT will make every effort for this presentation to be as complete as possible. However, INPUT may only be able to provide assessments of general directions, market sizes and opportunities for general types of services. Even though much of the information will necessarily be qualitative, INPUT believes that it should be possible to assign probabilities to many of the issues facing CT, such as product viability, risks, organizational structure, etc.

The second presentation to the DTMC (by video) will incorporate the data and findings to be contained in the written report. The report will be held in draft form, however, so that issues raised as a result of the second DTMC presentation can be incorporated into the report.

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IV. DELIVERABLES

In the course of this study, Digital will receive the following materials which will provide Digital with an understanding of the opportunities in this market:

- The findings of the study in overhead transparency format
- A written report following the format provided in the "Business Planning Content Guide" (as further modified in the meeting of January 24)
- Copies of customer interview data, if desired (with identities removed as necessary)
- Two presentations to DTMC

V. SCHEDULE

The following schedule describes the activities by week. The contract must be signed by March 2 to maintain this schedule.

Week → Beginning: Activity

- 2/17 Digital provides verbal approval for project
- 2/24 Preliminary work on project begins
 - Digital prepares lists of contacts
 - INPUT drafts interview guides
 - INPUT prepares generic list of connectivity services
 - INPUT and Digital define project specifics further
- 3/2 Contract signed

INPUT meets with CT

Initial assessment of CT services to be offered

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Review interview guides



3/9	INPUT meets with CT
	- CT services assessment completed
	- Interview guide finalized
	Customer interviewing begins (U.S., Europe, & GIA)
3/30	INPUT and CT staff hold a progress review (3/30)
	INPUT presents preliminary overview findings to DTMC (4/3)
4/6	Customer interviews completed
	INPUT conducts additional research, as required
	INPUT completes analysis of interviews
4/13	INPUT prepares a presentation version of findings and begins draft report
4/20	Review of findings with CT staff
4/27	INPUT presents complete findings in overhead transparency format to DTMC (via video)
5/4*	INPUT delivers final report draft for review • Or one week after initial presentation, if presentation is delayed
5/11	Digital comments received
5/18	Final report delivered

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VI. FEE

The professional fee for this project is \$50,000. In addition, out-of-pocket expenses (including travel, telephone, report preparation, and production expenses) will be billed at cost. Out-of-pocket expenses are estimated to be no more than 10% of the professional fee. One-half of this fee (\$25,000) is due and payable on the authorization of this project. The remainder of the professional fee and out-of-pocket expenses will be invoiced upon submission of the written report.

This proposal is valid for thirty days unless extended in writing.

VII. AUTHORIZATION

To authorize the project as specified, please sign and return one copy of this proposal, along with the initial fee. Upon acceptance by INPUT, a countersigned copy of the proposal will be returned to Digital.

AUTHORIZED BY: Digital Equipment	ACCEPTED BY: INPUT
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June 24, 1992

Ms. Susan Schweizer Digital Equipment Corp. Little, MA

· Via Fax: 508-952-3023

Dear Susan:

This will certify that INPUT has completed all the work associated with the study to assess the business opportunity for offering WAN services to the global marketplace (PO TV 829622).

The accompanying invoice of this date is INPUT's final invoice.

Sincerely,

Thomas O'Flaherty Vice President

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19th June 1992

Invoice for participation in the communications survey for Australia, Hong Kong & Singapore.

9 interviews @ US\$80 per interview

US\$720.00

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If it is easier to pay this in U.S dollars than to convert to A\$ then it can be paid to my husband Paul Ricker and mailed to him at G. Heilemann Brewing Co., 9399 W. Higgins Rd, Suite 700, Rosemont, Illinois 60018.



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Telephone expenses (as per attachment)

A\$195.00

I don't have the Fax expenses at present but will send that a.s.a.p. When I receive it.





Telecom Australia Bill

Your account number 09 447 7832 146 2 443

Total of last bill We received

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Please detach this payment slip and return it together with your cheque (or credit card payment details on the reverse). Cheques to be made payable to Telecom Australia.

Send to:

Telecom Australia GPO Box 9901 Perth WA 6001

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Please present this page intact and make your payment by cash or cheque at any Post Office or at any Westpac Branch.Cheques to be made payable to Telecom Australia.

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If you have a Telephone Rental Concession Voucher please enclose it with your payment if paying by mail or bring it with you if paying in person.

Please note that these vouchers cannot be accepted if the "Pay by Phone" method is used.

Metered calls

Includes Local calls and other calls not separately listed on your bill.

A meter connected to your service at the local exchange records the call charges in units. Each unit is equal to the price of a local call.

Are you moving?

Now is the time to contact the Sales Section of the Telecom Office that services your new address.

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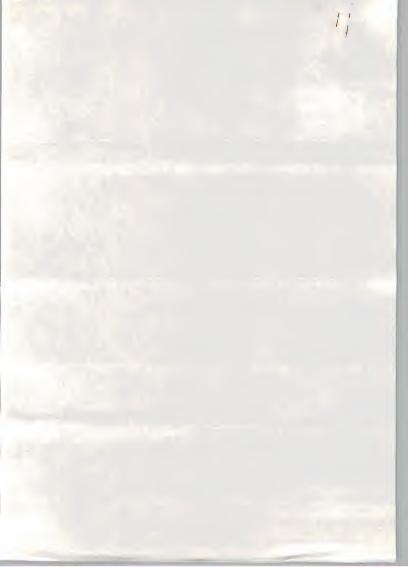


EXHIBIT-1

Levels of Communication Services

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2	Enhanced Communications Services (Examples)	OSI TCP/ DEC SNA Packet Frame Bulk Video IP Net Switching Relay Data Transfer								
(1b)	Value-added bandwidth (examples) • Expedited delivery • Defined performance levels • Cross-border service									
(1a)	Pure bandwidth (Defined performance levels Cross-border service Pure bandwidth (e.g., tariffed circuits from carriers)								

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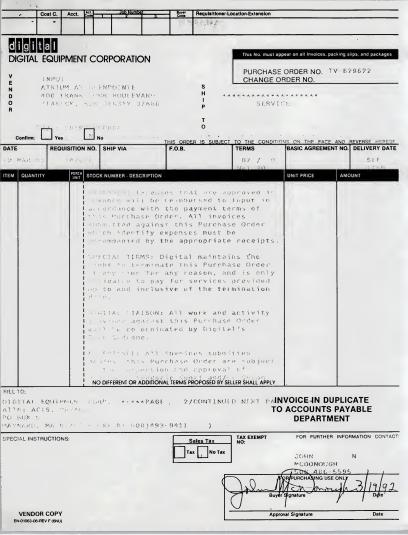
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INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS STUDY: TOPICS SUMMARY

ENVIRONMENT

1. Major characteristics of voice/data network(s)

Nodes

Protocols, standards

2. 1992 costs and percentage change

In-house personnel Circuits/transmission costs Equipment Facilities External services vendors Overhead Total

General trends in communications costs 1992-1994

- 3. New applications/functions planned for data network in next three years
- 4. Performance standards established/planned. Changes.
- Strong points of existing data network. Improvements planned. Barriers to improvement.
- 6. Importance of changes to data network. Types of changes:

Reduce costs
Reduce head count
Improve staff skills
Improve service reliability
Improve responsiveness to internal users
Improve responsiveness to customers
Offer new communications service
Outsource services or functions



LEVELS OF COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES (see exhibit)

- Current use of "Network-based Applications". Size/cost. Supplier. Satisfaction. Plans.
- Importance of "Enhanced Services"

OSI-based network TCP/IP network DECNet SNA Packet switching Frame relay Bulk data transfer Video

9. Current use of "Value-added bandwidth" services

Now using: Type. Source. Trade-offs.

Considering using: Type. Source. Trade-offs

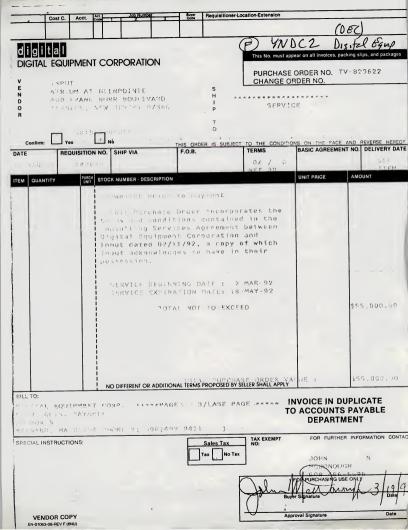
Not using/considering: Under what conditions would use be considered? Trade-offs.

- 10. Must a vendor offer all three levels of services to be considered viable?
- Amount of knowledge of specific vendors in each of three areas (in exhibit). Rating of capabilities.

AT&T
British Telecom
Digital Equipment (DEC)
EDS
GE Information Services (GEIS)
IBM
Infonet

Regional U.S. Telcos (as a group)
National telecomm carrier [by non-U.S. respondents]







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INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS OUESTIONNAIRE - DRAFT 3/9

INTRODUCTION: My name is and I am with INPUT, an international research and consulting firm specializing in information services and communications. INPUT is conducting a study examining enhanced services in international data communications —— we are looking at both changing requirements as well as new sources for these services. We are interviewing companies in the U.S., Europe and the Pacific Rim.

We would like to have your firm take part in this study. In return we will provide you with a summary of our findings at no charge. We are not seeking proprietary information and no information that you supply will be published or publicly linked to your name or to your company's name.

First of all we would like some baseline information about your enterprise's communications networks.

la. Do you have a single voice/data network?

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	Yes No (If yes, go to question 1c)
1b.	Do you have a single data network or multiple networks?
	Single Multiple
lc.	Please briefly describe the major characteristics of

your data communications network(s) Prompts:

Number of total nodes:

Number of major nodes (define):

Locations:

Bandwidth:

Network protocols, standards



2a. How will your data communication costs for 1992 break down, using the following categories: [Note: If data communications costs cannot be easily separated from other communications costs, please note what is included.] What percent increase or decrease do you expect for 1993

Category	\$ Mill.	%Change
In-house personnel		
Circuits/transmission costs		
Equipment		
Facilities		
Other services from external vendors		
Overhead		
Total		

- 2b. What are the general trends in data communications costs that you see over the next three years? [Please explain.]
- 3. What new applications or functions are planned for your data network in the next three years? How will these affect your network's size and capabilities?
- 4. What type of performance standards have been (or will be) established for your data network? Are these currently being met? What changes are planned to improve your network performance?
- 5a. What would you say are the strong points of your data network now?
- 5b. What areas need improvement? What steps are you taking to make improvements? What, if anything, is preventing your organization from making needed improvements?



6a. I am going to read you a list of changes which some enterprises are considering making to their data networks. Please rate how important each of these is to your organization on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being not important at all and 5 being very important. For those you rate as a 4 or 5, please describe briefly what actions you have planned.

Possible Changes	Rating	Reasons
Reduce costs		
Reduce head count		
Improve staff skills		
Improve service quality		
Improve service reliability		
Improve responsivenes to internal users		
Improve responsiveness to customers	_	
Offer new communications services		
Outsource services or functions		

6b. Are there any other changes which your organization is considering

My next group of questions concern different types of communications services as illustrated on the Exhibit "Levels of Communications Services" This divides communications services into the supply of pure bandwidth, enhanced services and network-based applications. In general, the services which are higher on the chart depend on or presuppose the existence of those lower on the chart. The exhibits provide examples of each type of service. Doyou have any questions on how the exhibit lays out communications services?



Starting from the top level (#3): Please tell me which of these network-based applications you are currently using? What is the applications size and/or cost? What was the source/supplier? What is your general level of satisfaction -- why? What additional plans does your organizations have for the network applications area?

Application:

SNA

Packet Switching Frame Relay Bulk Data Transfer Video

	Size/cost:		
	Supplier:		
	Satisfaction:		
	Plans:		
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TCP/	IP network		
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8b. Which other services which are important to your firm?



9. Are you receiving what we are calling "value-added bandwidth" services now?
Yes No
If Yes: What type of value-added services? From what source? What are the price/performance tradeoffs?
If No: Are you considering such services?
Yes No
<pre>If Yes: Which ones? From what source? What price/performance trade-offs would you find acceptable?</pre>
If No: Under what conditions would you consider such services? What price/performance trade-offs would you find acceptable?
10. Do you believe that a vendor offering communications services must offer all potential services, on the three levels that we have been discussing, in order to be considered a viable vendor? Or is it acceptable for a vendor to offer a more limited selection of services? Why?
Must offer all Can offer a limited selection



11. I am going to read you a list of vendors. I would like you to rate these vendors from the standpoint of the amount of experience you have had with them as a supplier in each of the three areas (1 = no experience; 5 = a great deal of experience) as well as your rating of each vendor's capabilities in each area (1 = low capabilities; 5 = high capabilities). Please give any additional comments as well on these firms or any other firm.

<u>Vendor</u>	Rating	Cap.	Comment
AT&T Applications			
Enhanced Services			
Value-added Bandwidth			
British Telecom Applications	_		
Enhanced Services			
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Digital Equipment (DEC) Applications			
Enhanced Services			
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IBM Applications			
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Infonet Applications		
Enhanced Services	 	
Value-added Bandwidth	 	
[U.S. Respondents:] Regional Telcos (as a group)		
Applications	 	
Enhanced Services	 _	
Value-added Bandwidth	 	
[Other Respondents:] Your national telecom carrier		
Applications	 	
Enhanced Services	 	
Value-added Bandwidth	 	

12. What advice would you give to a vendor that was planning to offer new or expanded services in these areas?



EXHIBIT-1

Levels of Communication Services

3	Network-Based Applications (Examples)	Electronic Mail (within an enterprises) Electronic Mail (between enterprises) Employee Locator (on-line) Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)
2	Enhanced Communications Services (Examples)	OSI TCP/ DEC SNA Packet Frame Bulk VIdeo IP Net Switching Relay Data Transfer
(b)	Value-added ban	ndwidth (examples) very - Quickly adjustable bandwidth
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(1a)	Pure bandwidth ((e.g., tariffed circuits from carriers)

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04-Mar-1992 10:17am EST Date:

ROB RICH @AKO From:

RICH.ROB AT AKOV12A1 at AKOMTS

GIA Telecomm & Tech Support Dept:

244-6546/ 508-264-6546 Tel No:

TO: See Below

at AKO

Subject: (I) Contacts for Input survey

Dave,

Here are the companies for the surveys as requested from Asia and SPR.

Please note that:

We have not received Japan's list yet.

We have given more than the requested number of customers in each country (in case some decline Input's invitation). They are ranked in descending priority.

The contacts are mostly 'household names' in those countries. In Australia, BP means British Petroleum, and BHP means Broken Hill Proprietary. HK Bank is Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank. The rest should be very clear. Hutchison International Terminal is the transportation piece of the Hutchison group... a little caution here.. another Hutchison division is a wireless carrier in HK, so discretion is especially important here.

I will send the Japan prospects as soon as I get them. I hope this is helpful. If it makes sense, the local INPUT people may want to talk briefly with Simon or Allan before contacting the customers.

cheers rir

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CC: SIMON-YK CHAN @HGO CC: YOSHIKUNI KASUYA @TKO

CC: ALLAN MASON @SNO

Subject: RE: (U) Prospect contacts for Network survey

Rob,

Here are some SPR names for you.

Thorn EMI BP Shell BHP Alcoa Citibank

Regards,



Date: 04-Mar-1992 04:50am EST

From: SIMON-YK CHAN @HGO

SIMON-YK CHAN AT A1 at HGOV05

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Subject: RE: (U) Prospect contacts for Network survey

Rob,

at HGO

Contact in order of priorities are:

- HK Bank: Tim Cureton, Mgr Group Network

- CitiBank Singapore

- Dupont Singapore: David Lewis, Regional Network Services-A/P

- Evergreen Taiwan

- Hutchison International Terminal (HIT) Hongkong

- Cathay Pacific Hongkong - Reuter Singapore

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Table 6. Quality of X.25 Services

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Table 4. Taking the Lead in Network Technology

		al Service in Public Netwo	1330 (76)	
Country	Transmission	Local Switching	Long-distance Switching	Investment in Public Network in 1987 (US\$ per capita)
U.K.	100	42	90	48.6
Netherlands	95	35	15	35.3
Denmark	85	23	40	57.6
France	70	70	75	73.7
Ireland	70	65	85	37.2
Belgium	50	29	75	39.4
Sweden	50	33	50	75.6
West Germany	50	10	22	118.8
Italy	45	25	36	41.0
Portugal	70	20	20	4.1
Spain	47	5	45	19.7
Luxembourg	35	8	10	24.5
Greece	30	8	40	1.3

(1) Fallures blamed on telecommunications equipment Source: Derived from the Eusidic Survey of Public Data Networks in Europe 1989. Eusidic is the European Association of Information Services (Caine, Wiltshire, U.K.).

Greece

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Portugal

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References

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West Germany	175	56	8.0
Netherlands	929	85	9.3
Sweden	1,218	73	10.0
France	777	34	11.7
Austria	345	100	11.9
Norway		8	13.9
Luxembourg		96	15.8
Switzerland	131	75	16.0
Belgium		92	18.1
Finland		85	18.6
Denmark		98	19.5
U.K.	1,427	91	24.7
Italy	588	71	26.0
Spain	959	92	30.5
Ireland	65	100	32.3

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Table 5. Where to Go for Fastest Product Approvals

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Country	1988	1988	1983	1983	1988
Japan	61	25	60	0	2.1
Austria	76	120	120	0.4	2.0
New Zealand	88	-	14	0	28.9
Canada	89	49		1.9	
U.S.	94	-	49		0
Sweden	98	28	60	0	0
Spain	100				
Italy	103	0	0	0	3.7
Finland	111	105	120	0	1.3
Austria	111	98	35	0.4	2.0
Switzerland	114	75	-	16.7	
Belgium	116	135	135	3.5	0
Norway	118	154	49	16.7	31.0
Portugal	119	-	270		9.1
U.K.	131	-	90		39.7
Ireland	134	105	-	0	
West Germany	135	105	180	5.0	3.2
Denmark	136	10		2.2	
Netherlands	140	40	75	6.7	48.0
France	149	140	365	5.2	48.0

Source: Unpublished survey done in January 1990 by OECD, Paris.

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Table 3. Leaders in Leased-line Freedoms

Country	Interconnects with Public Networks Domestic	Interconnects with Public Networks International	Carries Third Party Traffic	Capacity Sharing	Capacity Resale
U.K.	Conditional	Conditional	Yes	Yes	Yes
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25-Feb-1992 04:45pm EST Date:

David Cedrone From: CEDRONE . DAVID

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(SPEEK. PAUL AT A1 CTHQ3@LKGMTS@TAY)

Subject: RE: (Q) Do the first parts of this program plan describe it ?

No, sorry.

TO: Paul Speek

MS

I'm looking for a description of what the end customer would get as a service. I'll send you a copy of the service description I have in the Handbook, although this was really targeted at TDM enhanced private line services. I was wondering if there is some similar description of Fast Packet services?

> International Transmission Network Services

> > Handbook

2.0 Transmission Services

Include:

Consulting Services

Planning Design Implementation Management



Transmission Solutions

Enhanced Transmission Network Services for Voice, Data, and Video networks.

Transmission Network Components

4.0 Portfolio of Services

The ITMS/C portfolio of Transmission Services is depicted in Figure 1.

Consulting Services are provided to Sales Teams in support of pre-sales activities, can be sold by Sales Teams as a service to Customers, and are provided to internal Information Systems or Network Services managers for Voice, Data, and Video network applications.

These services generally result in the provisioning of a Transmission Network Solution based on Digital's Enhanced Transmission Network service, the Integrated Digital Network (IDN), and/or based on vendor supplied Transmission Components (private lines, circuit or packet switched services and transmission equipment).

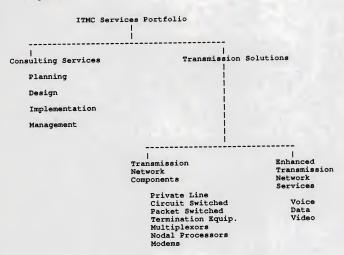
Enhanced Transmission Network Services are based on DIGITAL's private Integrated Digital Network (IDN). The IDN network provides a transmission server interface for Voice, Data and Video network requirements. Currently, the server interface provides enhanced quality private line services. In the future, the transmission server interface (Note 1) will allow the routing of traffic over public circuit and packet switched services based on optimized service level and cost routing algorithms.

Note 1 - Reference the Integrated Telecommunications Technical Architecture for further description of the Transmission Server.

Transmission Components are provided by Transmission Service Provider's (TSP's) i.e. licensed infrastructure carriers (RBOC's/PTT's) and Value Added Network carriers. Transmission equipment is provided by Telecommunications Equipment Manufacturers (TEM's). ITMS/C will plan, design, implement and manage a network, on behalf of a Customer, based on the optimum combination of Transmission Components that meets the customers requirements.



Figure 1.





INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

Doc. No: 007164

Date: 25-Feb-1992 09:11pm EST

From: Bob Igou @TAY

IGOU.BOB

Dept: Network Applications Services

Tel No: DTN 227-3936

TO: David Cedrone

(CEDRONE.DAVID)

Subject: RE: Meeting with INPUT - March 4th

Dave,

Attached is a summary document being written for service level agreements. It is probably the best description of the services we have.

Regards,

Bob



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

Date:

08-Jan-1992 01:19pm EST Jim Deluco @TAY

From:

DELUCO. JAMES

Dept: Network Applications

Tel No:

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TO: See Below

Subject: Network Applications Service Levels

Network Applications Service Levels Status Effective January 8, 1992

Business decision usage for metrics (applies to all Network Applications Businesses below):

Traffic Information - Used for resource allocation. This includes decisions regarding the placement of human and system resources in support of the service.

Performance Information - Used for the allocation of support resources; input for point product enhancements; decisions on replacement and migration of products; service scaling decisions (ie, expanding EDI trading partners).

General Usage - The collection of both traffic and performance metrics can also be used in benchmarking and in support of the sale of Digital products and services.

Message Transport Service

Type of Service:

Electronic Mail Utility

Service Description:

Electronic mail transfer between mail user agents such as ALL-IN-1 Integrated Office System, ALL-IN-1 MAIL, VMSmail.

Service Features:

Ability to exchange mail between Digital Employees via local mail user agents.

Ability to direct inbound mail to users' preferred user agent or to a printer for hardcopy delivery.



Complementary Support Services:

Local Message Router administration.

Corporate topology administration.

Consulting and site visits for special problems.

Availability:

Now

Service Levels:

Criteria	Goal	Actual
Delivered within 90 minutes Delivered within 24 hours Delivered intra-cluster within 20 minutes Message Rejections (legitimate addresses) Messages Lost	95% 100% 90% .001%	93% 100% 80% N/A N/A

Metric

Approximately 4 million messages per month delivered

Reported Monthly

Plans for Reporting of Metrics not Yet Reported (listed as "N/A" above):

These measurements will be implemented with Metrics V3.0, June 9, 1992



VTX Utility

Type of Service:

Reference information access utility.

Service Description:

Infrastructure service for access to VTX-based information.

Service Features:

Consistent and reliable access to all VTX-based information in Digital from any end user system.

Keyword-only access for pilot applications.

Distributed menu services for distributed applications.

Location-dependent access for replicated applications.

Complementary Support Services:

Local site/area services providing a corporate menu.

Online registrations for infobases.

Weekly updated corporate menu.

Consulting for special access problems.

Availability:

Now

Service Levels:

above):

Metric

Criteria

Goal Actual

Avg Time to deliver page to the user

* 5 sec. N/A 99% N/A

Availability 99% N/A

* Five seconds is an industry expectation for the maxmimum time it should take to return a videotex screen in response to a request for

the next screen. Since we do not currently measure this, it is unclear what our expectation should be of the internal service.

Plans for Reporting of Metrics not Yet Reported (listed as "N/A"

Defined in VTX Metrics project, scheduled to being July, 1992



X.400 Gateway Service

Type of Service:

Inter-company electronic mail transfer via X.400 protocol.

Service Description:

Electronic mail transfer between Digital employees and Digital trading partners.

Service Features:

Standardized addressing of electronic mail to accounts of Digital trading partners.

Electronic mail transfer from accounts outside of Digital.

Complementary Support Services:

Gateway support services for inter-company message routing.

Directory query for X.400 addresses of registered Digital users.

Availability:

Today

Service Levels:

Criteria	Goal	Actual
Avg Message Delivery Time to Recipient's ADMD gateway Message Rejections with Legitimate	10 min.	20 min
Addresses from Digital mailbox to ADMD Gateway	.001%	N/A
Messages Lost from Digial mailbox to ADMD gateway	.0001%	N/A
Approximately 35,000 messages per month		
Reported Monthly		

Metric

Plans for Reporting of Metrics not Yet Reported (listed as "N/ λ " above):

Metrics V3.0, June, 1992



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Metric

DECnet Naming Services (DECdns)

Type of Service:

Name translation facility running on DECnet

Service Description:

Provision of name translation service to any Digital user or application running on DECnet.

Service Features:

Provides client applications with a "name" to address translation facility.

Maintained in replicated directories which are automatically updated.

Complementary Support Services:

Distributed server management

Central name table administration

Digital Node Registration system

Availability:

Now

Service Levels:

Criteria	Goal	Actual
<pre>% Root server availability % Field Server availability % Site directory updates w/in 12 hrs % Site directory updates w/in 24 hrs Response time to client to server to client Avq problem resolution turn around</pre>	N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A	N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A



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TCP/IP Naming Services (Bind)

Type of Service:

Host name translation facility running on IP

Service Description:

Provision of host name translation service to any Ultrix-based Digital user or application running on TCP/IP.

Service Features:

Provides host based "resolvers" with a "host name" to address translation.

Name to address information is maintained in flat files on primary and secondary domain servers. Secondary domain servers are updated by primary servers via zone transfers.

Complementary Support Services:

Distributed server management

Central name table administration

Availability:

Now

Service Levels:

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Criteria	Goal	Actual	
% Dec.com Server Availability	N/A	N/A	
% Site.dec.com server availability	N/A	N/A	
Hr Avg problem resolution turn around	N/A	N/A	
M:S Avg response time from resolver to server to client	N/A	N/A	



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Employee Locator Facility (ELF)

Type of Service:

Employee information retrieval

Service Description:

Provides addressing and organization information about employees.

Service Features:

Ability to look up information about employees by name, site code, etc.

Employees can modify some of their own information online.

Resolved to Employee Master Files.

Automated replication to distributed servers.

Complementary Support Services:

Distributed server management.

Centralized transaction processing and routing.

Availability:

Now

Service Levels:

Criteria	Goal	Actual
Avg availability Avg time to execute simple searches Average connects per server/month Avg time to propogate user-defined updates Avg time to propogate feeds from EMF's	99% 10 sec N/A 48 hrs N/A	N/A N/A N/A N/A



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FAX

Type of Service: FAX Exchange

Service Description:

Send text or image FAX from any mail user agent in Digital to any FAX address.

Service Features:

Automated routing.

Complimentary Support Services:

Availability:

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Service Levels:

Criteria Metric

Goal Actual

Avg FAX delivery times N/A N/A Avg Availability N/A N/A



Time Service

Type of Service:

Time Synchronization

Service Description:

World-wide synchronization of time on all Digital computers.

Service Features:

Fast and Highly dependable time provision

Automated server synchronizations

Complimentary Support Services:

Central administration of server and time provider locations

Distributed server and client management

Availability:

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Service Levels:

Criteria

Metric Goal Actual

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Time drift Number of connects per server 20 sec. N/A N/A N/A

Plans for Reporting of Metrics not Yet Reported (listed as "N/A" above):

Working with DECdts Product Development for inclusion in product. Expected to be delivered Q_3/F_{Y92} .

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Type of Service

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Connectivity to Geography DECnet Phase IV Networks

Service Description:

Connection service for all intra US Geography DECnet Phase IV communications.

Service Features:

Ability to reliably communicate between computer systems located in the US geography across Digital via geography networks interconnected to the US Data Network Backbone - DECnet IV.

Low latency across the backbone to support time sensitive communication.

High throughput across the backbone to support data transfer.

Responsiveness to accomodate changes in business requirements.

Complementary Support Services:

Regional or sub-regional level networks, management and operations. Consulting for special problems.

Availability:

Service Levels:

Now

	Metric	
Criteria	Goal	Actual
Connectivity to each US geography domain	99.9%	N/A
Connectivity among all US geography domains	99.1%	N/A
Average latency of 330 ms across US backbone	97.0%	N/A
Capacity to transfer 1 million pages/hour	97.0%	N/A
Capacity to transfer I military	00 00	27 / 2

Response to service requests	satisfied	99.06	N/A
Connectivity to Europe Connectivity to GIA Regions		99.5% 99.5%	

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Plans for Reporting of Metrics not Yet Reported (listed as "N/A" above):

To be addressed in the DNMG Back to Basics Program.

Latency is being measured and reported today, however metric of this



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being met 97% of the time is not.



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Type of Service

Connectivity to Geography TCP/IP Distribution Networks

Service Description:

Connection service for all inter Geography TCP/IP Distribution Network communications and for intra Geography TCP/IP Distribution Network communications where requested.

Service Features:

Ability to reliably communicate between computer systems located in the geographies across Digital via geography TCP/IP distribution networks interconnected to the Digital Data Network Backbone -TCP/IP.

Low latency across the backbone to support time sensitive communication.

High throughput across the backbone to support data transfer.

Responsiveness to accomodate changes in business requirements.

Complementary Support Services:

Geography level backbones, management and operations.

Regional or Country level networks, management and operations.

Consulting for special problems.

Availability:

Now

Service Levels:

Criteria	Goal	Actual
Connectivity to each geography domain Connectivity among all geography domains Average latency of 330 ms across backbone Capacity to transfer 330 thousand pages/hour Response to service requests satisfied Connectivity to Internet via CRAmet	98.0% 82.0% 97.0% 97.0% 99.0%	N/A N/A N/A

Approximately nnn billion bytes per month delivered

To Be Reported Monthly



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SERVICE DESCRIPTION

TITLE

VIDEOCONFERENCING SERVICES

INTRODUCTION

Over the last year, videoconferencing has emerged as an effective face-to-face communication tool while simultaneously avoiding the high cost of travel and risks of political unrest. The growth of videoconferencing usage is expected to continue through the 1990's as an alternative method of cost effective meeting and global teaming.

According to the consulting and market research firm Telemanagement Resources International INC. (TRI), worldwide revenue for videoconferencing equipment and services will grow from \$510 million in 1991 to \$1.5 billion in 1995.

AT&T and U.S. Sprint have responded by building, or contracting for, public and private rooms from which to videoconference. These are located in highly trafficked metropolitan areas. The price for using these facilities range from \$200 - \$400 per hour for the room and \$180 - \$1000 per hour for transmission charges. The services also charge administration fees and additional monies for setups and use of multi-point conferences.

Digital is in the processing of implementing a worldvide videoconferencing program internally. Coupling their implementation learning experience with their extensive network knowledge, Digital is in a prime position to command a sizable portion of the videoconferencing consulting revenue.

As the price of videoconferencing hardware keeps falling, owners and users will become more sensitive to the variable costs, mainly in the area of telecommunications. This allows Digital to provide services at many levels:

Overview Consulting Service

This is a short-term consulting where Digital can showcase their internal videoconferencing system, review their experience with the customer as well as look at the client's proposed solution.

Detailed Consulting Service

The full consultation service can include analysis, design and/or implementation of a videoconferencing system or various components. Digital can also provide full consultation in the area of videoconferencing equipment selection. Consultation services can be provided to customers and cover part or all of the components of a videoconferencing program including:



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- Analysis of the customers needs and recommendation of a strategic solution to the customer
- Provide business justification of a videoconferencing system consulting service to customer in order for the customer to "sell" videoconferencing to their management.
- 3. Design of the network, switching and scheduling
- 4. Selection of hardware and software including:
 - o videoconferencing equipment (cameras, monitors, etc)
 - o codecs
 - o network devices
 - o scheduling software
 - o network management software.

Implementation Service

Through O.E.M. agreements with various videoconferencing and network device equipment manufacturers as well as application software developers, Digital can offer a full or partial videoconferencing turnkey system within the customer's sites.

Administration Service

Digital can also provide full administrative services to customer's videoconferencing system and network including:

- 1. Room reservation
- 2. Conference scheduling
- 3. Addition, removal and relocation of rooms and equipment
- 4. Circuit administration
- Billing.
- 6. Marketing of videoconferencing to customer's internal population.

CUSTOMER INVOLVEMENT

Typically, the customer team, in addition to the Digital consultant, would consist of four functional experts (finance, business controls, telecommunications and software technical experts), the site telecommunications manager and a videoconference program/project manager (assuming that the customer has such person assigned).

BENEFITS

Customer

The use of videoconferencing technology main benefit to the customer



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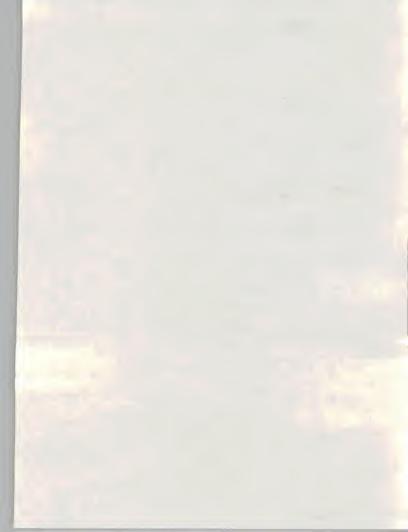
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Infonet Extends its Global Network to Taiwan

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. -- February 25, 1992 -- Infonet announced today that it is extending its worldwide communications network to Taiwan. As a result, Infonet is the first global network provider to establish a fully operational communications facility in Taipei.

Taiwan's business community can now gain direct access to Infonet's network for worldwide data, E-mail, store and forward, fax and telex transmissions to more than 118 countries.

"Our new Taipei communications facility brings us one step closer to achieving our ultimate goal of a fully redundant mesh network in Asia that gives users greater reliability than star network topologies," said Theodore T. Iriye, Infonet's vice president of the Asia-Pacific.

Infonet already has direct access communication facilities in Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Singapore and Australia, along with gateways to Indonesia, Macao, Malaysia, Thailand and mainland China.

Meanwhile, plans are under way to interconnect the Infonet network with Taiwan's PACNET national public data network. PACNET subscribers may then access the Infonet network by making a local phone call from Kaohsiung, Taichung, Tainan, Taipei, Keelung, Hsinchu and other major cities in Taiwan.

The China Data Processing Center will maintain the Infonet communications facility, which is located on the premises of the Data Communications Institute (DCI) in (More)



Taipei. Communication specialists at the China Data Processing Center will connect local businesses to Infonet's network and NOTICE 400 messaging service and install NOTICE 400 PC E-mail software at their sites. These professionals will make the necessary arrangements for users to access the Infonet network via PACNET as well.

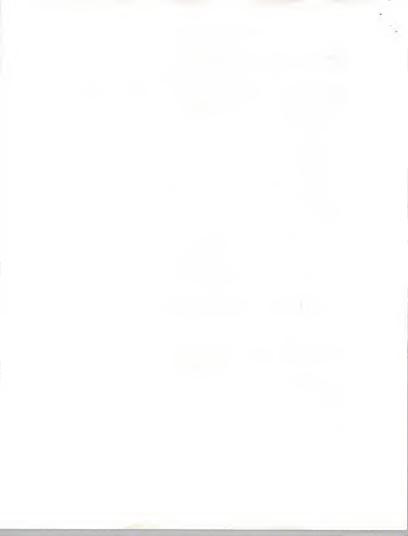
"Numerous high-tech computer firms in the Hsinchu industrial park are eager to establish Infonet network connections with their electronic component suppliers in the U.S.," said Kevin C.W. Liao, president of the China Data Processing Center. "Other manufacturers in the aerospace industrial zone at Taichung are equally anxious to communicate with their customers in the U.S. and Europe via the Infonet network."

The China Data Processing Center will hold on-site education and training classes introducing users to their new Infonet technology and provide ongoing service and support, complete with a telephone hot line staffed by senior technical experts in Taipei.

Established in 1970, Infonet is the leading standards-based international valueadded network services company. It provides and directly supports communication and computer services worldwide. All told, Infonet serves more than 10,000 user sites throughout the world. The company is jointly owned by 11 major telecommunication administrations in Europe, the U.S. and Asia-Pacific.

Further information on Infonet products and services is available by calling Infonet at (310)335-2860 in the U.S. or the China Data Processing Center at (886) (2) 3953837 in Taiwan.

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ATTIS to Market Infonet Communication Services in Mexico and Support Local Users

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — February 18, 1992 — Infonet announced today that ATTIS de Mexico S.A. will market and sell the firm's international value-added network services in Mexico and support local users. The Infonet network is currently accessible in more than 118 countries for worldwide data, E-mail, store and forward, electronic data interchange, fax and telex transmissions.

ATTIS is a Mexican company closely associated with ATTIS Europe, which specializes in the design and creation of information systems and is renowned for its international videotex developments. Infonet also has an agreement with Telecomunicaciones de Mexico, which is responsible for upgrading and expanding Infonet's worldwide network in Mexico.

"As a result, we now have one organization solely committed to Infonet user support in Mexico and another organization completely dedicated to network expansion," said Juan Cenzano, director of Infonet's Iberoamerica region. "This approach allows us to more aggressively strengthen Infonet's global communication services in Mexico. We will then be well-equipped to accommodate increased traffic demands once Mexico joins the North America Free Trade Area (NAFTA) already formed by the U.S. and Canada."

Telecomunicaciones de Mexico currently maintains Infonet communication facilities in Cancun, Guadalajara, Hermosillo, Mexico City and Monterrey. According to Cenzano, Telecomunicaciones de Mexico will open Infonet communication facilities in several more Mexican cities during the next two years.

(More)



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Infonet operates an interconnect with Mexico's TELEPAC national public data network, too. TELEPAC subscribers may gain access to the Infonet network from more than 50 Mexican cities by making a local phone call.

Meanwhile, the Mexican government is rapidly privatizing the national telephone company, Telefonos de Mexico S.A. (TelMex). TelMex is in turn making serious efforts to establish a digital network system. Upon completion, the network will allow large commercial users to transmit data at up to 2 Mbps across fully digital connections, thereby greatly improving the quality of data communication services in Mexico.

The communication specialists at ATTIS de Mexico will make the necessary arrangements for multinational users in Mexico to access the Infonet network via TELEPAC. These professionals will connect new customers directly to Infonet's worldwide network and NOTICE 400 messaging service and install NOTICE 400 PC E-mail software at their sites as well.

"We are receiving numerous requests for Infonet service from U.S. electronics and garment manufacturers," said ATTIS Director General Rodolfo Sandoval. "Eager to leverage labor and transportation cost advantages, many of those firms are now relocating the labor-intensive factory operations they established in the Asia-Pacific during the 80s to Mexico. Other key Infonet clients are Asian businesses who are investing heavily in Mexico as a means of penetrating the U.S. market under the highly favorable terms of the North America Free Trade Area agreement that's being negotiated."

ATTIS will also hold on-site education and training classes introducing users to their new Infonet technology and provide ongoing service and support, complete with a telephone hot line staffed by senior technical experts in Mexico City.



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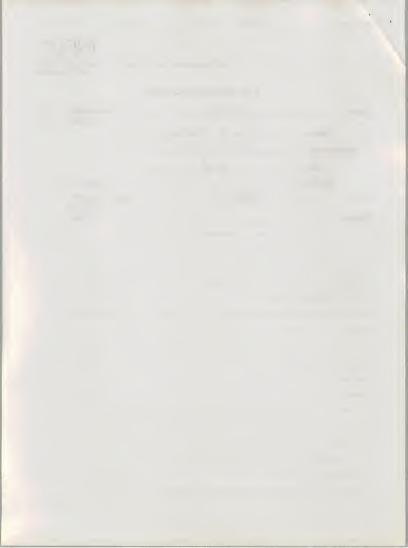
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Peter.

Per your, my and Susan's discussion.

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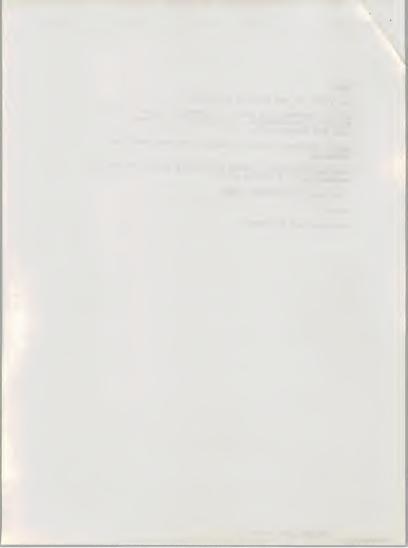
Longer document, what we need in the business plan document.

Combined with the content guide they equal what should appear in the business plan.

Will see you Thursday night.

Cheryl

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Service Description: (more description available)

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- brokerage or direct delivery of global transmission services
- II. Providing the delivery of certain value added services on top of the transmission services; e.g. mail, videotext, file transfer. While DECnet Phase IV and TCP/IP support is possible today, DECnet Phase V/OSI will be possible within a year. Would offering a Phase V public service be of sufficient value?

Por the identified service descriptions, outline:

- Can the above services be differentiated from existing services? Cal " " De defferetrard > recent top 3 milet freezons and
- B. The market opportunity, as broken down by:

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Between geographies

Characteristics of the market analysis should include:

- Size of the market 1992 1997
- position DEC relative to the major compatitors of today and tomorrow - Haderinal a) Non-traditional 3) emigring Conference
- Service features offered by today's competitors as well as thoughts on future functionality; e.g accounting, security, protocol support.
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-hurdles & costs Describe water barriers to DEC entering this market and what is the cost and impact of exiting the market.

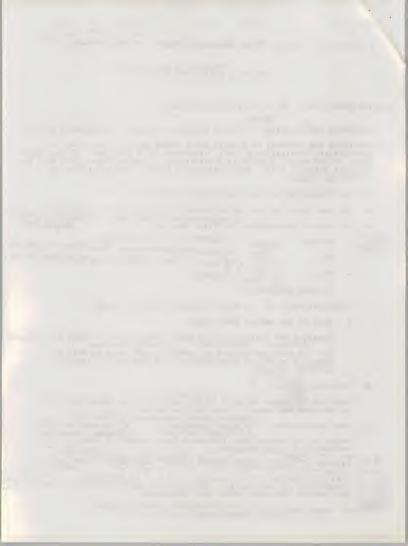
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successful in this business. AT MAJON MODES PRIMARY IMPORTMENT PRIMARY · Compations

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2. Rollout Logations

Assuming that DEC wanted to role out this service in a controlled fashion, e.g. in roughly a dozen sites worldwide, what sites should be chosen?

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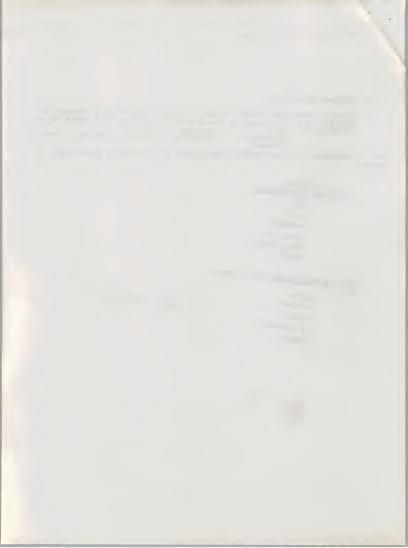
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AUTOMATED BUSINESS PLANNING SYSTEM CONTENT GUIDE - PHASE 1

PREFACE

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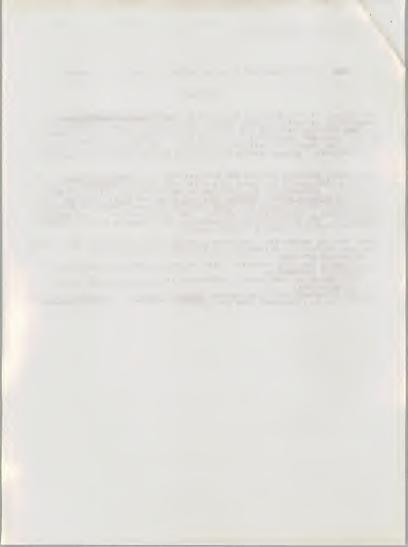
The primary sudience for the Business Plan is the Business Plan should be viewed as a vital tool in the management of the business. Secondarily, the audience is the constituencies of the Businesians Secondarily, the audience is the constituencies of the Businesian including Account Units, Product Creation Units and other functions within the company whose support we depend upon for success. Here the Business Plan becomes a communication vehicle. The third audience is the Executive Committee. The Business Plan addresses all the elements normally covered by an entrepressur seeking venture capital.

There are key themes that should be highlighted as an integral part of your Business Objectives, Strategies and Programs. These are: - PARTNERING STRATEGY

Clearly identify Partners' roles in accomplishing your objectives

SIS should be specifically referenced as being integrated at the Program level.

The new management reporting system (Unique, Augmented, Marketing Services) should also be integrated into your plans.



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SUMMARY OUTLINE

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^{*} Supersedes 2 page Business Plan Summaries



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DETAILED OUTLINE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (Supersedes 2 page Business Plan Summaries.)

A. MISSION HIGHLIGHT SUMMARY

B. MARKET ANALYSIS HIGHLIGHT SUMMARY

C. BUSINESS OBJECTIVES, STRATEGIES AND PROGRAMS HIGHLIGHT SUMMARY

D FINANCIAL PLANS AND BUSINESS MODELS HIGHLIGHT SUMMARY

E ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS HIGHLIGHT SUMMARY

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5. BUSINESS DESCRIPTION CUSTOMER DESCRIPTION

III PRET ANALYSIS

A MARKET DEFINITION

MARKET SIZE/GROWTH AND SHARE

1. Total Market by Geography

2. Target Market by Geography

3. Additional Market Analysis C. MARKET TRENDS/CUSTOMER NEEDS

D. COMPETITIVE POSITION E. MARKET ENVIRONMENT

1. Strengths

2 Weaknesses

3. Opportunities

. Threats

TOP STRATEGIC ACCOUNTS OPPORTUNITIES - Target

IV ESS OBJECTIVES, STRATEGIES AND PROGRAMS

A BUSINESS OBJECTIVE * 1. Strategy

a. Program (Implementation Plan)

2. Strategy

*. Measurement Criteria

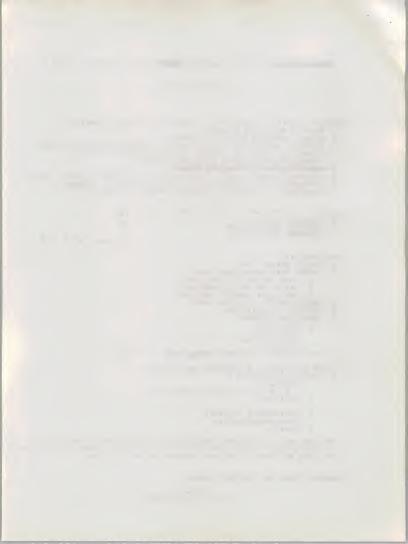
*. Risks/Dependencies

#. Revenue

* Include your key Business Objectives that represent a major portion of the ABU's goals. Create Section IV. B. etc. as needed to communicate your key Business Objectives, Strategies and Programs.

V. FINANCIAL PLANS AND BUSINESS MODELS

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A. FINANCIAL CONTENTS 1. Business Plan - Worldwide

a. Total

b. Products

c. Services 2. Business Plan - United States

a. Total

b. Products c. Services

3. Business Plan - Europe

a. Total

b. Products

c. Services

4. Business Plan - General International Area

a. Total

b. Products c. Services

B. OTHER FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

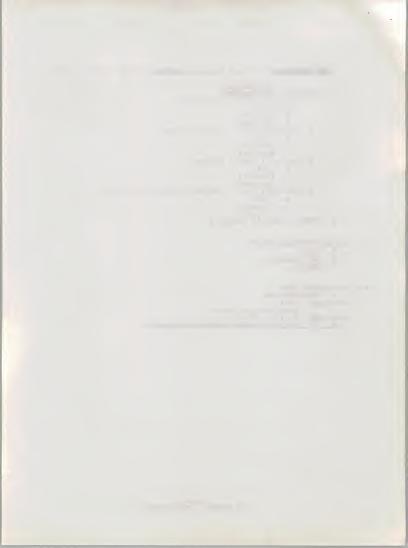
VI ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Issue
- B. Recommendation
- C. Impact

VII. MANAGEMENT TEAM

- A. ORGANIZATION
- Roles
 - 2. Organization Chart
- 3. Staffing Plan
- B. REV MANAGEMENT TOAN'S PAROR ENDERTENCE

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DESCRIPTION OF COMPONENTS

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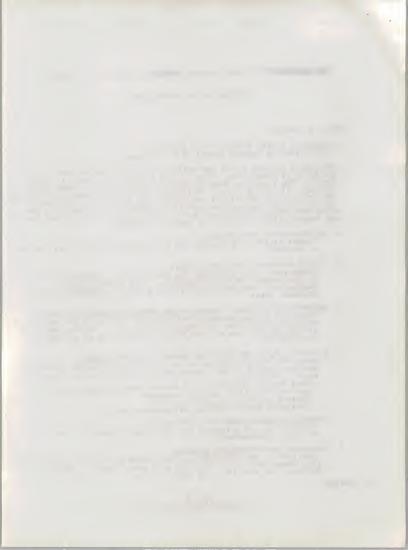
Supersedes 2 page Business Plan Summeries.

The Executive Summery should be 2 to 3 pages.

This first section of the ABU Business Flan will be the most visible. Unless it is compelling, it may be the only section that is read in detail. The Executive Summary should be short (two to three pages) and concise. It should clearly atticulate what the opportunities are, why opportunity objectives, attractegies and programs to capture the entry and why you are capable of succeeding, how you will gain entry and market penetration, etc. Note the key points in each section and support them with some key facts and numbers.

- A. MISSION HIGHLIGHT SUMMARY Summarize in one paragraph the key points covered in the section on Mission.
- B. MARKET ANALYSIS HIGHLIGHT SUMMARY Summarizes in one paragraph the most critical information covered in the section on Market Analysis. This summary should demonstrate that your business has a market opportunity based on customer needs.
- C. BUSINESS OBJECTIVES, STRATEGIES AND PROGRAMS HIGHLIGHT SUMMARY Summarize in one paragraph the material covered in the section on Business Objectives, Strategies and Programs. You may choose to provide an overview of your Business Objectives or to highlight
- D FINANCIAL PLANS AND BUSINESS MODELS HIGHLIGHT SUMMARY Summarize the information is the section on Financial Plans and Business Models in the context of your business, i.s. market share, growth, etc.:
 - What are the key drivers of Revenue and Operating Profit? How do they relate to your business?
 - Revenue growing, not growing, why?
 - Operating Profit growing, not growing, why?
- E. ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS HIGHLIGHT SUMMARY Highlight in one paragraph the key issues covered in the section on Issues/Recommendations.
- F. MANAGEMENT TEAM HIGHLIGHT SUMMARY Highlight in one paragraph the key points you wish to convey about your Management Taam. This may be a main theme you want to portray, the most exciting aspects, etc.

II. MISSION



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A. MISSION STATEMENT

Stare your "purpose for existing" in a way that people across Digital will understand. Identify:

The purpose of the business is to enable the customet to...
 Your differentiation, your competitive edvantages, why and

how you are going to win.

B. BUSINESS DESCRIPTION - What "business" are you in and how do you define your market?



C. CUSTOMER DESCRIPTION

- Groups and definition of Various Customers

- What kind of problems are your customers trying to solve?

III. MARKET ANALYSIS

A. MARKET DEFINITION

Include ABU's charter and customer description.

What segments you are focusing on today where your solutions are

most applicable?

-Customer -Demographics

-Technology

-Industry

What are your priorities? Will they change over time?

B. MARKET SIZE/GROWTH AND SHARE

1. Total Market a. Total Market Size/Growth

- Worldwide <

- United States

- Europe

- General International Area b. Total Market Share

- Worldwide

- United States

- Europe

- General International Area

2. Target Market a. Target Market Size/Growth

- Worldwide

- United States

- Europe

- General International Area

b. Target Market Share

- Worldwide

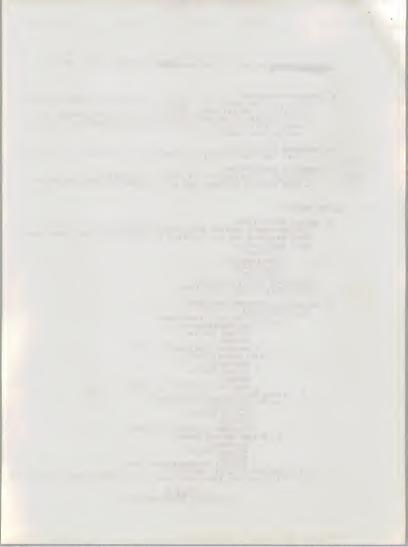
- United States

~ Europe

- General International Area

3. Additional Market Analysis Include any additional view of the market that is relevant

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to your business such as: Applications Industry Operating Systems, etc.

C. MARKET TRENDS/CUSTOMER NEEDS Identify significant trends in the market such as:

1 - Customer

- Customer requirements/needs - New/evolving application areas

2. Technology

- Technology requirements to meet customer needs - Applicability of new technology within targeted markets competition - Total - Inc Compa, others

- Competing/substitute products/services

- Purchasing criteria (quality, price, performance, delivery, timing, service, warranties, etc.).

conomic/Political Environment

- Economic health of customer base

D. COMPETITIVE POSITION

List your market share and your major competitor's market share in ry89 through FY94. Include emerging competitor's anticipated share.

MARKET ENVIRONMENT

1. Strengths

This section is internally focused and may include

competitive strengths such as:

- installed base

V- core competencies unique skills

- managerial depth/talent

market leadership position - proprietary technology

- cost advantages competitive advantages

- product innovation skills, etc.

This section is internally focused and may include

competitive weaknesses such as:

- lack of strategic direction loss of competitive position

- loss of profitability - lack of key skills or competencies, etc.

3. Opportunities

This section is externally focused and may include market opportunities such as:

- new customers

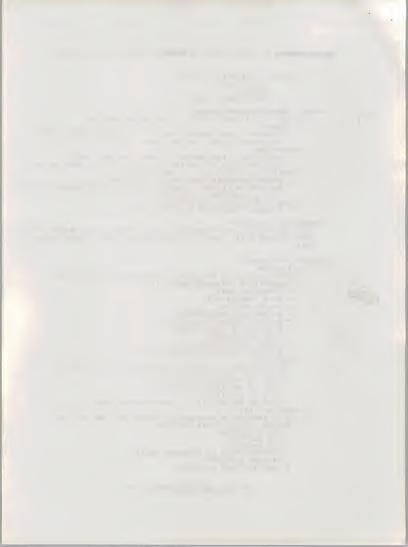
- new markets - new segments

- broader range of customer needs

- related projects

- complementary projects

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- vertical integration

- rapid market growth, etc. Include all major market opportunities even if you have chosen not to invest in them at this time.

4. Threats

This section is externally focused and may include

competitive threats such as:

- new competitive entrants

- substitutes

- slow market growth

- government policy

- standardization - business cycles

- strength of buyers/suppliers

- changing customer needs

- changing market trends

F. TOP STRATEGIC ACCOUNTS

These accounts need not be prioritized by dollar volume. You may chose to prioritize them using other criteria such as high growth, new account/new market, market leadership position, extension for ryse a worldwide view. List these accounts along with the control of ryse counts along with the control of ryse counts. and FY94. Provide a brief description of your selection criteria (i.e. Why are these accounts strategic?).

IV. BUSINESS OBJECTIVES, STRATEGIES AND PROGRAMS

A. BUSINESS OBJECTIVE Nux (, (? 92)

Identify the key Business Objectives of this and provide an appropriately detailed description so that the objective can le understood by groups across the company.

A Business Objective is defined as:

"A Digital initiative targeted to a business opportunity by meeting a customer need better than competitors."

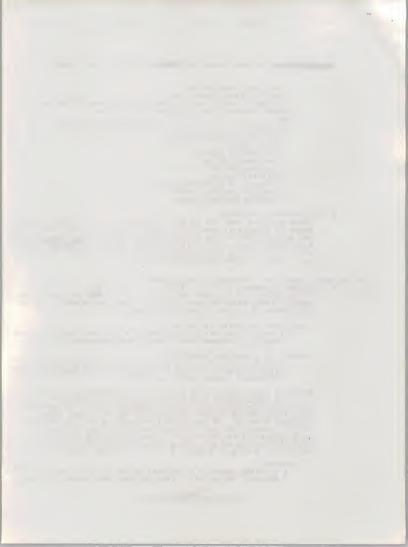
Example of a Business Objective:

Reduce scientist's time to discovery by promoting use of visualization tools and techniques for data analysis in an integrated visualization environment.

Business Objectives should provide an encompassing view of customer requirements (not merely Digital's initiatives). From these customer requirements (i.e. opportunities), the Business Objectives should support some portion of the sought after customer benefit. If the Business Objectives are not defined broadly enough, the ABU Business Plan might lead to missed longterm opportunities for Digital. Completion of a Business Objective may be an entry into a market which will require additional action on Digital's part to maintain this advantage.

1. STRATEGY

A Strategy supports a Business Objective (i.e. How to achieve a Business Objective). Identify your Strategies in support



of the Business Objective outlined above. Provide a brief description of each Strategy. Include major technical and marketing strategies as well as mojor services, support and application strategies. Provide resource needs (Seles coverage) that support achievement of partner plan.

a. PROGRAM

Identify Programs (i.e. Implementation Plans) in support of the Strategy outlined above. Include a brief description of the program, identify the manager directly responsible for its success, channel requirements and major milestones with delivery dates.

- 2. STRATEGY
- *. MEASUREMENT CRITERIA

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*. RISKS/DEPENDENCIES

*. REVENUE

NOTE

Include your key Business Objectives that represent a major portion of the "MRTO's goals. Create Section IV. C. etc. as needed to communicate your key Business Objectives, Strategies and Programs.

V. FINANCIAL PLANS AND BUSINESS MODELS

A. FINANCIAL

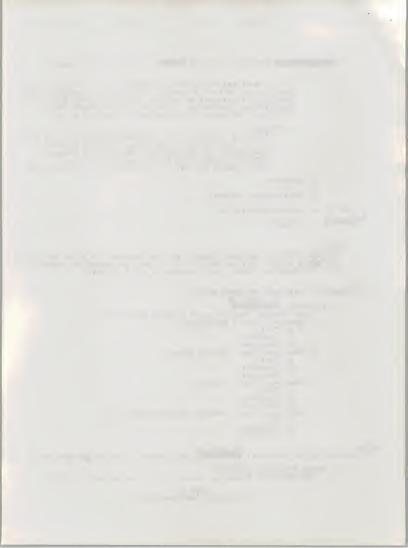
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 - a. Total
 - b. Products
- 2. Business Plan United States
 - a. Total
 - b. Products c. Services
- 3. Business Plan Europe
 - a. Total
 - b. Products c. Services
- 4. Business Flan General International Area
 - a. Total
 - b. Products

NOTE:
The outline of the Financial Profile may change to reflect AND FOCUS.

8. OTHER FINANCIAL ANALYSIS
Include other financial analysis as it is pertains to your

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business such as Sales Yield: NOR \$ / (Direct Selling \$ + DCC \$ + Support \$)

VI. ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS

A. ISSUE

- Include key issues to be resolved for business success.

B. RECOMMENDATION

- Who needs to do What by When

C. IMPACT

The impact may be stated in quantitative or qualitative terms.

Impact may include:
- Impact if if Digital does not invest in this business.

- Impact/impingement on other Digital products/technologies.

NOTE:

Repeat A. B. C. as needed to cover the key issues.

VII. MANAGEMENT TEAM

A. ORGANIZATION

1. Roles/Responsibilities

Recommended - Key management roles - The individuals who fill each position.

2. Organization Chart 3. Staffing Plan

Include current headcount and hiring forecast.

B. MANAGEMENT TEAM'S PRIOR EXPERIENCE

Focus on the managers' experience as related to his/her current

position. Consider including: - career highlights,

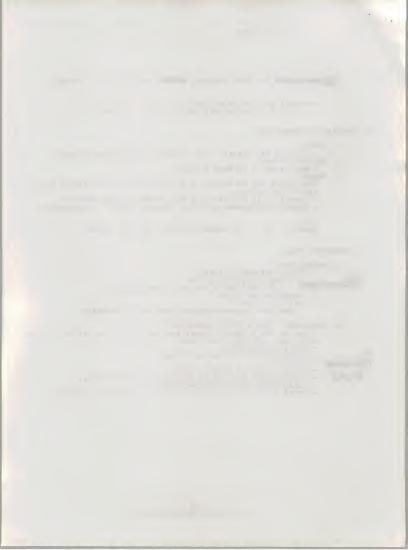
- particularly relevant expertise,

COMMUNIC - Skill-set,

- track record of accomplishment. - demonstrated ability to perform the assigned role,

- sales/profitability achievements,

- other prior entrepreneurial/general management results.



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III. MARKET ANALYSIS

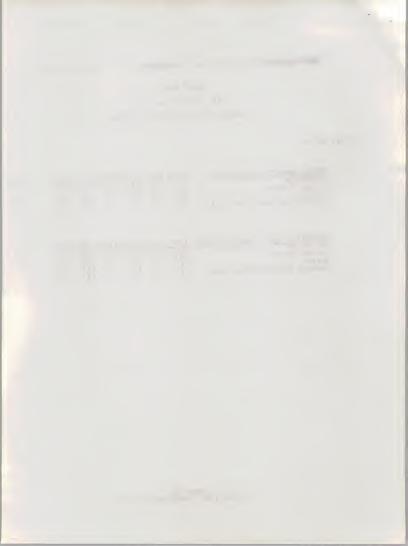
B. MARKET SIZE/GROWTH AND SHARE

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General International Area	[\$]	

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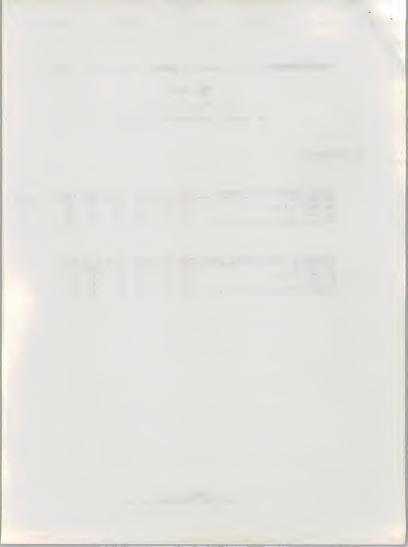
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B. MARKET SIZE/GROWTH AND SHARE

2. Target Market

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III MARKET ANALYSIS

B. MARKET SIZE/GROWTH AND SHARE

3. Additional Market Analysis

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III. MARKET ANALYSIS

C. MARKET TRENDS/CUSTOMER NEEDS



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III MARKET ANALYSIS

D. COMPETITIVE POSITION

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[Competitor]	[6]	[4]	[8]	[8]	[8]	(8)
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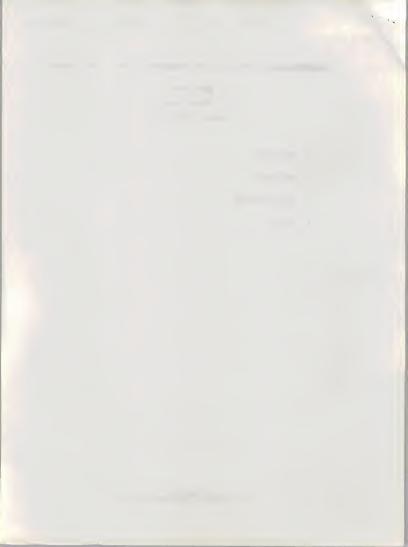
III. MARKET ANALYSIS

E. MARKET ENVIRONMENT

1. STRENGTHS

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- 2. WEAKNESSES
- 3. OPPORTUNITIES
- 4. THREATS



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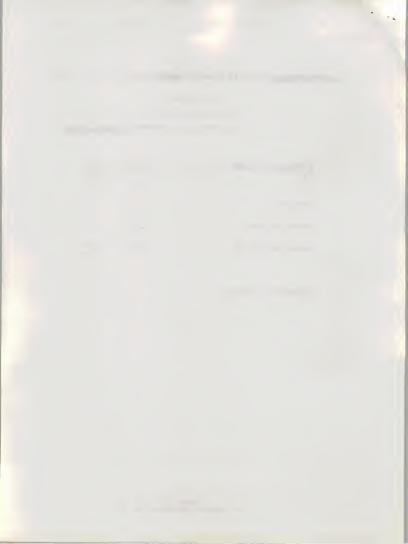
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III. MARKET ANALYSIS

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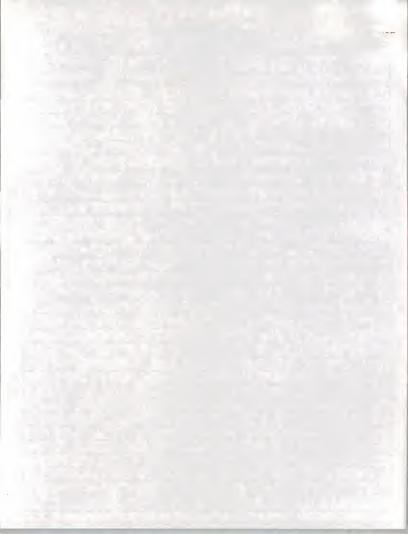


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A PROPOSAL TO ASSESS THE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY FOR OFFERING WAN SERVICES TO THE GLOBAL MARKETPLACE

Submitted to:

Corporate Telecommunications

Digital Equipment Corp.

Littleton, MA

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I. OBJECTIVES

Corporate Telecommunications (CT) within Digital is assessing the business opportunity for offering WAN services to the global marketplace. riblud addel

INPUT has been invited to submit a proposal which would help Digital analyze this opportunity. The first phase of research, to be completed by the end of March, would focus on the size and nature of the opportunity using the SI Cluster in Digital Services as the distribution channel. Subsequent phases would identify the Bot or based or mit potential opportunities for using additional distribution channels.

II. SCOPE

The overall scope of this study (Phase 1) is contained in the tasks described in the "Business Planning Content Guide" which was reviewed with INPUT in a meeting with CT staff on January 24.

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Note: Due to the compressed time frame for this study, this phase of research will focus on the U.S. and Europe. INPUT's working assumption is that if the concept proves itself in these key markets, then the rest of the world market size can be estimated for Phase 1 and analyzed in more detail, if required, in Phase 2.

A later phase, or phases, would also address such issues as:

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- A study for a significant organizational unit within a very large telecommunications company which examined how their services could be offered on a more commercial basis. This included developing a business plan for an expanded series of services.
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After approval, INPUT will meet with CT staff to review in more detail current and planned offerings and research materials already obtained. INPUT will also begin interviews with other Digital staff (e.g., IBU, ABU and SI staff -- possibly in Europe as well as the U.S.). These internal interviews will be necessary in order to assess the size and nature of the opportunity available to CT working through the SI Cluster. This opportunity is assumed to be different and smaller than the opportunity available to Digital overall.

As soon as the questionnaire contents are finalized, INPUT will begin interviewing Digital customers. In addition to the normal segmentation of potential customers for this service (geography, size, industry), CT should also distinguish between prospects whose receptivity toward the concept is known or unknown (and among knowns" between those enterprises who are positive and those who are negative).

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- The findings of the study in overhead transparency format
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- Copies of customer interview data, if desired (with identities removed as necessary)

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This proposal is valid for thirty days unless extended in writing.

VII. AUTHORIZATION

To authorize the project as specified, please sign and return one copy of this proposal, along with the initial fee. Upon acceptance by INPUT, a countersigned copy of the proposal will be returned to Digital.

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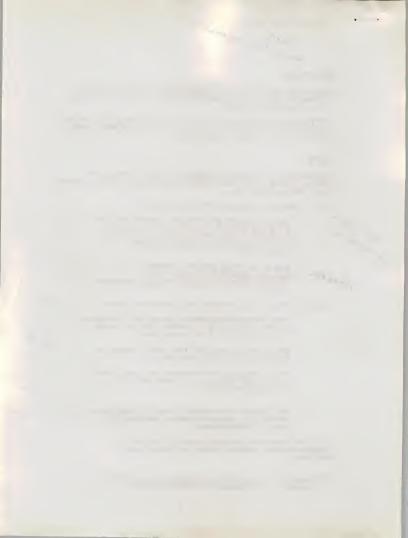
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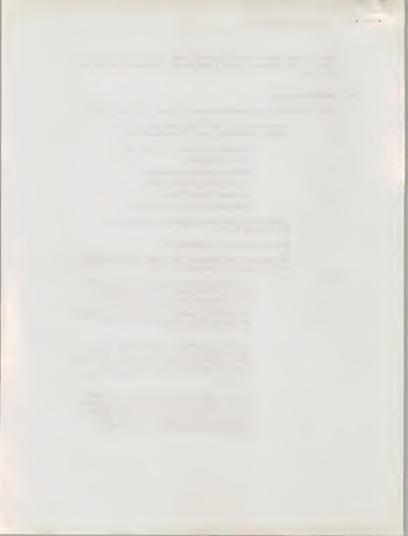
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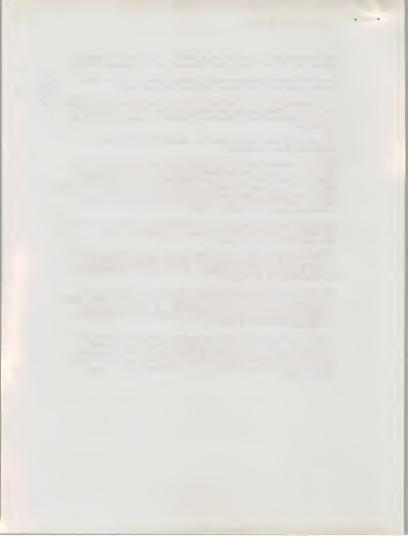
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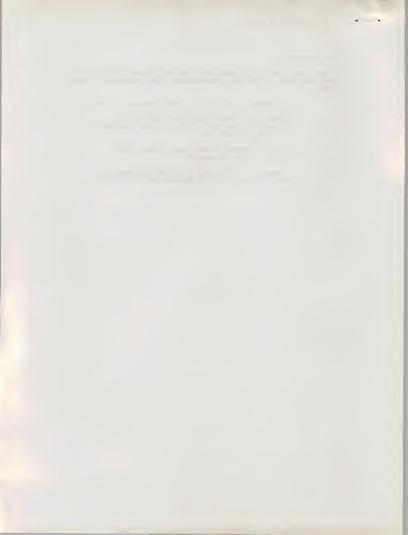
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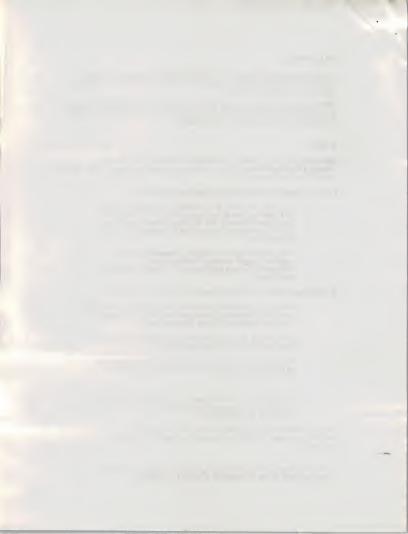
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- *** What are the risks in providing "connectivity" (i.e., regulatory, legal, security, barriers to entry, competitive, impact from carriers on Digital, investment; return, etc.)

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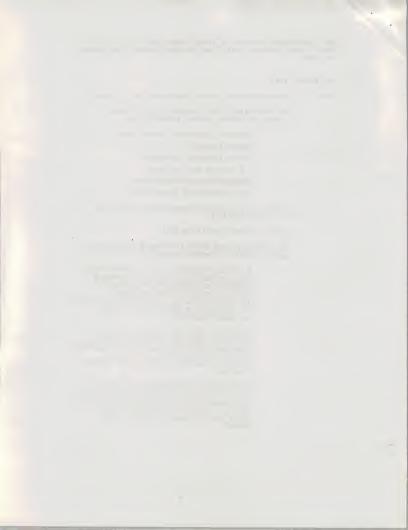


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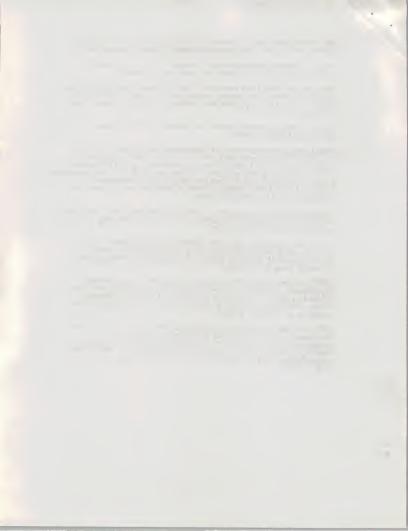
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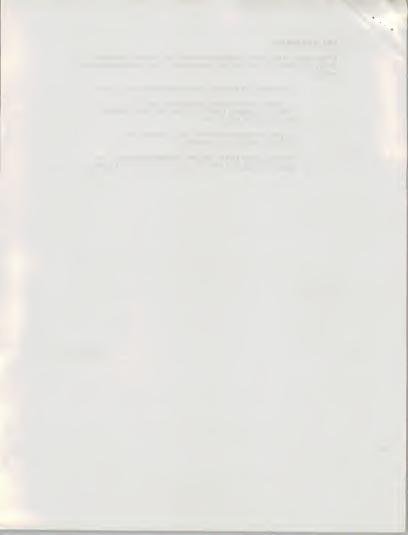
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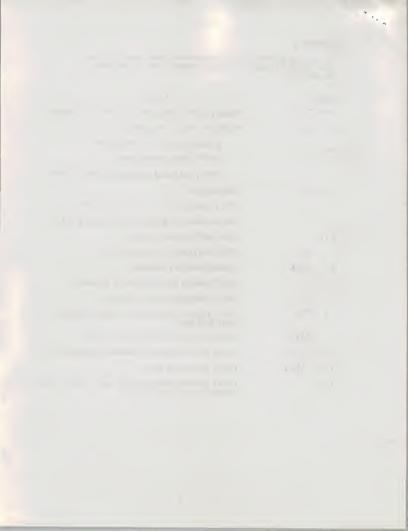
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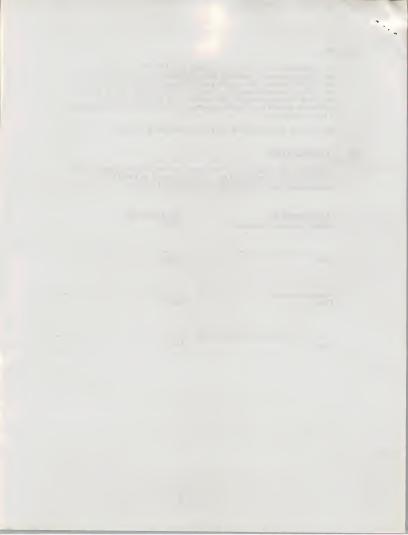
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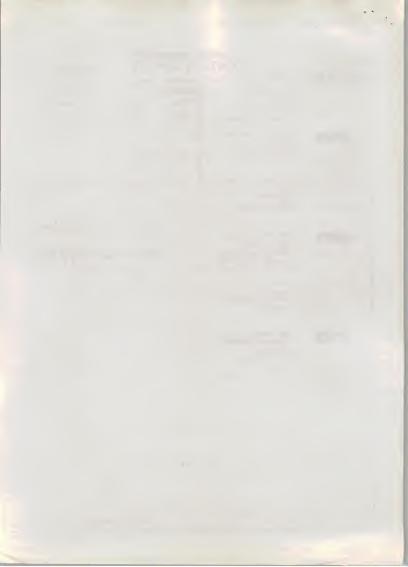
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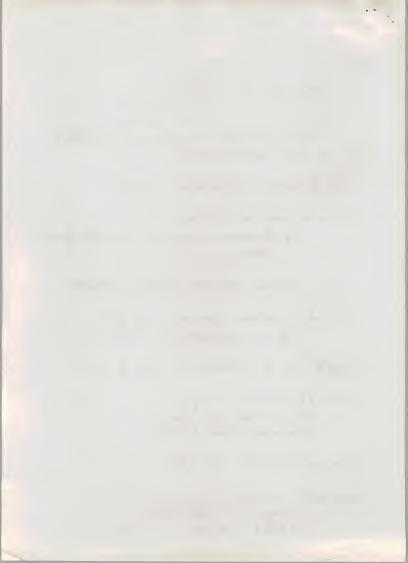
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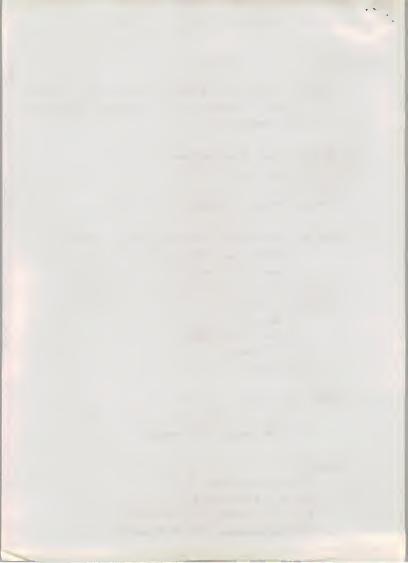
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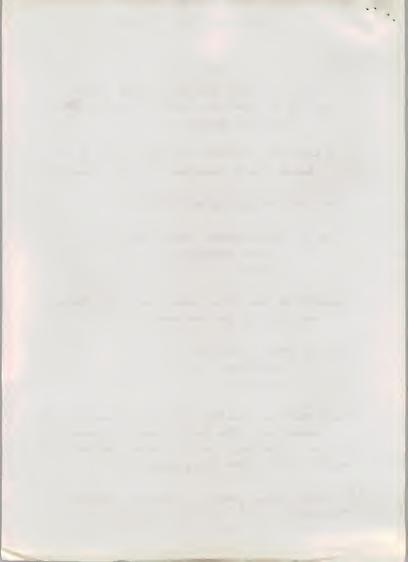
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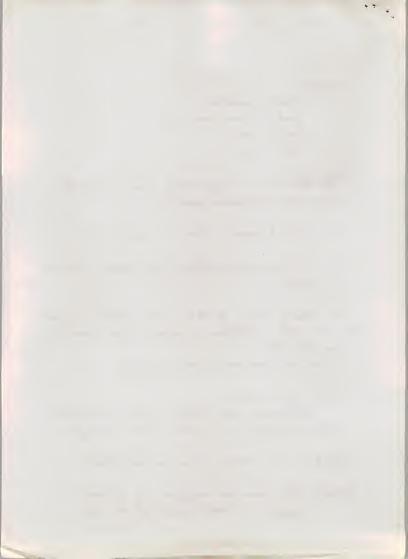
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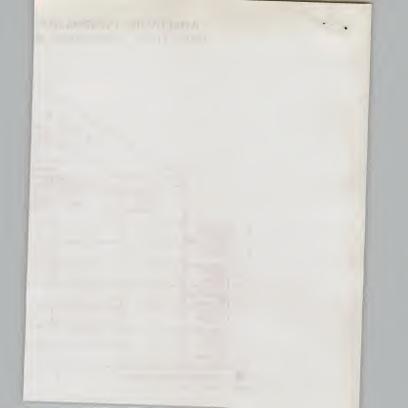
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Introduction

DIGITAL'S Corporate Telecommunications (CT) organization has developed an internal business proposal to provide Wide Area Network and Communications Services to support the System Integration business. To complete this proposal, CT requires a market assessment of the sales and profit potential and competitive positioning of this service offering. The following information is being provided to target and focus the development of such a market analysis.

Document Purpose

This document provides a summary description of the Wide Area Network and Communications Services proposed for sale by DIGITAL's Corporate Telecommunications organization. This description positions the proposed service offering with regard to DIGITAL's portfolio of Systems Integration services, and highlights the unique added value of this service to potential customers. Finally, key business strategies intended to target and focus the introduction of this service offering are indicated.

Service Description

DIGITAL'S Wide Area Network and Communications Services provides a portfolio of transmission transport, network routing, and network application services for global, wide area network and communications systems interconnection. These services enable DIGITAL to offer end to end connectivity solutions as part of the Systems Integration portfolio. They will be provided via DIGITAL's existing global network and communications infrastructure. This infrastructure of equipment, circuits, software and people is currently installed in 36 countries worldwide and would be expanded to meet incremental customer demand.

The portfolio of proposed services is indicated in Figure (1). This portfolio includes primary services - those that CT believes are of the immediate interest to potential customers, and secondary services, those that CT is prepared to offer but do not represent what we believe represent our primary competetive differentiation. The portfolio also indicates which services CT is prepared to offer



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in the time periods of Fiscal Year 93 - 95 (DEC's FY runs July-June) and which services are expected to have a limited duration of demand.

Figure 1.

Wide Area Network and Communications Services

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Service Positioning

The Digital Services organization currently provides Systems Integration services. These services cover the life cycle of customer requirements from Planning and Design, through Implementation and Management (PDIM). These services include the integration of network and communications systems and well as computing and information systems and applications.

The <u>Wide Area Network and Communications Services</u> proposed by CT complement DIGITAL's existing Systems Integration services by providing an existing infrastructure which can be used to rapidly implement global information systems solutions. The CT proposed



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services focus on wide area network requirements, not LAN's (which are provided by other DIGITAL organizations), and are derived from a communications infrastructure rather than consulting services.

We believe that the combination of consulting services provided by Digital Services, and <u>Wide Area Network and Communications Services</u> provided by Corporate Telecommunications, will provide a powerful and comprehensive communications solution to our Systems Integration customers.

In addition to the unique support provided for emerging technologies, this service offering from DIGITAL provides our customers with the benefits of rapid deployment and ease of use.

Since DIGITAL has a global communications infrastructure (equipment, circuits and people) in place, our customers will benefit from the rapid deployment of their solutions using DIGITAL provided services. In addition to reduced deployment times, DIGITAL's network and communications services provide quality improvements over traditional leased lines through designed in network redundancy, contingency planning, and global network operations management.

The complexities of designing, implementing and managing such network systems cannot be understated. DIGITAL's existing staff of skilled specialists will assume the responsibility of managing this complexity on behalf of our customers.

Introduction Strategies

The following strategies have been described to target and focus the introduction of the Wide Area Network and Communications Services.

- DIGITAL is a total solutions providor in the Systems Integration business. Simple "Bandwidth" resale independent of a total informations systems solution should not be considered as an element of this business plan.
- 2) During the initial introduction of this service, CT prefers to target a few customers in a few geographic locations, rather than many customers in many locations.
- 3) This service will be positioned as a complement to the total Systems Integration portfolio, and will help to differentiate DIGITAL as a Systems Integration providor, particularly with customers who have OSI requirements.



PROPOSAL

Service/Product

Wide Area Network and Communications Services

- Transmission Transport
- Network Routing
- Network Applications Services



Wide Area Network and Communication Services

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Figure 1.



Service Availability

Transmission Transport

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E-IDN (Frame Relay) Service Locations

Private Line Service - Global

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Network Routing

Easynet Service Locations

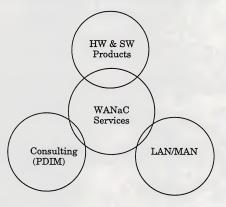
Network Applications Services

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Service Positioning

Global Systems Integration Portfolio





Benefits

- · Speed of Deployment
- Leverage Installed Infrastructure
 - -- Economies of Scale
 - -- Capital Equipment
 - -- Skilled Human Resources
- Unique Technology Support
 - -- OSI
- Network Applications Support
 - -- Mail
 - -- Video Text
 - -- Directory Naming
 - -- File Transfer
 - -- Public Service (Gateway) Access



Rollout Strategies

- Transmission
 - -- Total Service Solution
 - -- NOT Bandwidth Resale
- Network Services
 - -- A Few Targeted Customers

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- -- A Few Geographic Locations
- WANaC
 - Complement to the Systems Integration Portfolio



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The public/private tug of war

By John Gantz

"It has been a thousand times observed, and I must observe it once more, that the hours we pass with happy prospects in view are more pleasing than those crowned with fruition."

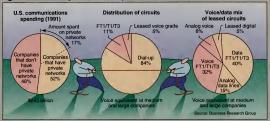
-Oliver Goldsmith, The Vicar of Wakefield, 1766

"Every increased possession loads us with a new weariness." — John Ruskin, The Eagle's Nest. 1872 we hundred and one hundred years in advance, the sentiments of Goldsmith and Ruskin captured the plight of those organizations operating private networks today. Possession of network facilities provides control and flexibility, but with it comes the weariness of management, support, and continual design changes. The hours spent with happy prospects in view—i.e., the justifications for building those private networks—were surely more pleasing than is the day-to-day reality of managing and owning a private network in a world where technology changes at lightning speed, users demand more services on the spur of the moment, and carriers change tariffs (and hence, trade-off equations) with regularity.

Indeed, recent surveys show that almost 20% of private network operators aren't sure they'd build a private network if they had it to do over again. But it's not clear they had much



Figure 1 How many networks are private?



With \$40 billion of the U.S. communications budget for 1991 going to private networks, it's clear that new switch services won't elimi nate private networks overnight. Surveys also show that when it comes to private working, data considerations far outweigh those for voice.

choice. The decision to build a private network-to own and operate the switches, lease the lines, or own the microwave towers-has almost always been an economic one. If the traffic was there and economies of scale in transmission and switching were there, then private was the way to go. In the case of data networks, private lines were often the only way to ensure line quality and, hence, low bit error rates.

But that's all changing, Today's network designers and planners are in a tug of war. On the one hand, they like the security and control of private networks; on the other, they're being told by carriers and service providers that a new day is dawning. They'll be able to have the security blanket of a private network with the flexibility of a public network.

Network managers are already aware of the ways they can use the public network for voice traffic and still maintain the illusion of private networking-thanks to virtual private networks and special tariffs for custom services offered by the vendors. But now they are learning that the future will bring new data networking servicesframe relay (fast packet), SMDS, and software defined data networks-from the telephone companies. Not only that, but the carriers are for the first time letting their customers interface with internal operating systems, offering one-stop shopping for global networks, and even offering to run their private networks for them.

All of this puts the decision makers in a quandary. They must ask themselves a number of questions before they make their network decisions-decisions, by the way, that network planners, designers, managers, and users will have to live with for years. For instance:

■ Will the data and voice (or integrated) networks of the 1990s be carrying such traffic that they will actually require the resources of a public carrier?

■ Can public network providers be trusted to manage networks that were formerly private? Do they understand the business issues involved? Do they feel it when the network goes down?

■ Do virtual private networks offer the same level of reliability and availabilityor more, or less-that true, customerowned private networks do?

■ Do the economic advantages of implementing hybrid networks-part public, part private-outweigh the difficulties of managing both types of networks as one?

The answers to these questions will determine the course of networking for much of the 1990s. Unfortunately, this is not a crossword puzzle, and the answers don't appear somewhere on the back page of the magazine. The definitive answers lie somewhere in the future; all we have now are provisional answers. And in this crazy industry, those don't always last long.

How big is the issue? Of the \$243 billion spent last year in the U.S. to operate communications networks-including staff salaries, line charges, equipment leases, and depreciation-just over half was spent by companies whose networks are at least somewhat private (see Figure 1). According to surveys by Business Research Group (BRG) of Newton, Mass,-the company that supplied the spending data-about a third of the network costs at those companies that did run private networks went to support those private networks. So, we're talking about \$40 billion spent in the U.S. alone, probably double that worldwide, on private networks.

According to these same surveys of medium and large-size companies-those most likely to consider going privatecircuit distribution mirrors that spending figure, with about 16% of circuits being either dial-up or some version of wideband (on a voice equivalent basis). Of those leased circuits, though, 60% are used for data. In fact, as my Commentary in the September 1991 issue pointed out, more than half of all data transmission circuits are leased. On the voice side, fewer than 15% are leased. Not surprisingly, since the carriers have begun selling T1 and fractional T1 circuits, private networks have migrated rapidly from regular leased analog lines to wideband.

At the same time that wideband has soaked up traffic from analog leased lines. dial-up services have become more attractive. Comparing two similar surveys by BRG-one from 1988 and one from 1991-shows that the number of dial-up voice circuits terminating at user premises grew 23% in three years (see Figure 2). Even more striking, the number of dial-up data circuits grew 25%, accompanied as we know by growth in the dial-up modem "Users have got to love the plug and play of the new DEC products; the fact that users can set up the systems in about 30 seconds is great and the products should sell well on that basis alone."

—Doug Gold, director of communications research at International Data Corporation, as quoted in LAN TIMES, April 15, 1991



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market and the spread of communicating PCs. Even given the differences in survey populations polled, these numbers represent an impressive change.

Deciding to go private. Companies have built private networks for a number of reasons. For one, the aggregation of traffic onto backbone networks offered economies of scale that were too attractive to pass up. The drop in T1 costs-50% in the last five years-and the introduction of fractional T1 circuits for lease helped keep those economies attractive. In addition, ownership of equipment and facilities allowed companies to project future costs and deploy resources as they saw fit. Ownership also offered companies, in some cases, a flexibility and competitive advantage that carrier-based alternatives did not, and simplified contractual arrangements across the globe in support of planet-wide networks.

On top of these considerations, the post-traumatic stress syndrome suffered by telephone companies after divestiture convinced major users that they'd be better off running their own networks. Added to that, some services, such as highspeed highly reliable data or custom billing and numbering arrangements, were unsupported or uncompetitive in carrier offerings. Finally, the data networking product suite was geared toward networking over dedicated lines.

Indeed, the cost model for private networking always favored companies with certain traffic characteristics and enough volume to beat the minimum traffic thresholds. Because users can build their own facilities, carriers have to keen matching the cost of ownership with leased alternatives. This goes back to the Telpak days, when large companies got huge bulk discounts on leased circuits. As the underlying technology gets cheaper, that cost of ownership keeps dropping.

But life on the network is changing. Although some of the economic justifications for going private are still theredepending on traffic characteristics and volumes-a lot of the others are not. And depending on the types of discounts and extended purchase agreements carriers offer on virtual private networks, the economic case flip flops. Public networks disguised as private can easily be cheaper for companies with more than \$40,000 a month in long distance phone bills.

Indeed, over the last several years carriers have added features to their public offerings, particularly their virtual private networks, that blur the lines between public and private networks. These include the following:

- the capability to let customers reconfigure their networks from their own
- technical control centers: ■ custom tariffs, typically AT&T's Tariff-
- 12 and the MCI and Sprint analogs; customer-controlled call routing:
- automatic provisioning:
- service-level and provisioning commitments: and
- customized billing through which the phone company bills a company's divisions directly.

This last service, designed for large users, has led to the proliferation of aggregators-companies that order lines on behalf of others and, after getting the bulk discount, pass on the charges plus a mark-up. By offering to do the billing for what looked like large customers (in terms of traffic volume), carriers made the aggregator business possible.

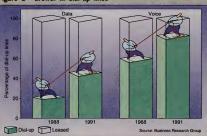
Another motivator for building and maintaining private networks has always been reliability. According to surveys by BRG, the ratio of lost business revenue per hour to communications spending per hour is 140 to one. At medium and largesize companies, a lost hour of business equates to more than \$375,000.

This issue has gotten more complex over the last several years. As the CO fire in Hinsdale, Ill., several years ago demonstrated, even private networks aren't immune to telco problems. It turns out that the Hinsdale CO was also a major throughway for trunk circuits that carried private line traffic. The New York City outage last September, which torpedoed air traffic control systems at the major nearby airports, also showed the vulnerability of private networks based on leased lines. Reliability issues aside, there's no doubt that the carriers are becoming more competitive with their switched services than they used to be.

The data traffic mandate. Another factor that comes into play, particularly in data networking, has to do with the nature of the traffic carried. At divestiture, the predominant data traffic carried was pumped through large computer terminal networks-data entry, reservations, teller terminals, and so on. It tended to be steady, predictable, and consistent.

Networking Management has already documented how much this data networking scene is changing and will change over the next five years as a result of new computer applications and LAN-to-LAN

Growth in dial-up lines Figure 2



More than 500 responses to a survey of medium and large companies reveal growth in the use of dial-up voice-equivalent lines for both voice and data. This surge is attributed to the increased tractiveness of dial-up lines for data and an expanding dial-up modern market; the growth of virtual private networks; and the substitution of voice-grade leased lines with T1, fractional T1, and T3 lines.

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Ownership	Carrier	User	Carrier, user, third party, consortia, or combination
Configuration/ provisioning	Carrier	User	Some user control of carrier resources
Prices	Increase over time	Fixed by sunk cost	Infinite variety of volume and multi-year discounts multiple vendors
Operations	Carrier	User	Integrated carrier/user systems, third-party manage ment tools, custom billing
Predominant architecture	Dial-up services	Leased or owned facilities	"Virtual" networks—shared facilities that appear leased
Economic trade-offs	Ease of management and provisioning versus lower cost for customer ownership		Complex evaluation of pricing lock-ins versus discounts and flexibility to deal with variable traffic

Thanks to competition and technology advances, carriers are offering better pricing and flexibility to switched services customers, particularly those with virtual private networks and special-tariff custom networks. The choice is no longer between public and private networking, but among many complex alternatives along a spectrum of possible combinations.

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networking. Some examples of this include the following:

- Session lengths that used to be predictable, and would last for seconds or minutes in support of order entry and data base inquiry, will become unpredictable and last from microseconds to hours in support of client/server and distributed computing, LNN-to-LNN communications, and messaging.
- ■Burstiness will become less predictable as networks go from handling one type of traffic, generally message response, to handling everything from messages to large file transfers.
- Message sizes will grow from an average of 2 kilobytes to gigabytes.
- The bandwidth demand at the terminal will increase dramatically—these things are really mainframes on a desk now—as will demand for general LAN-to-WAN-based bandwidth.
- Response times on the network will drop from subseconds to below 300 milliseconds to support reasonable response times at the desktop in LAN-WAN-LAN networks.

Some things won't change, of course, such as the need for high reliability to support mission-critical applications and the need for flexible reconfiguration to handle changes in applications, mergers and acquisitions, and other corporate flux.

The core issue is that we are asking so much more of our computers and terminals these days that they, in turn, are asking more of their networks. As Figure 3 of bandwidth and session length for some of the advanced applications that lead users are now implementing is three orders of magnitude greater than that required just one depreciation cycle (seven years) ago. Building networks to sup-

required just one depreciation cycle (seven years) ago. Building networks to support these new applications means building networks with significantly different peak-load-to-average-load capacities perhaps too much of a difference for many users to swallow.

The change is not so dramatic on the

voice side. In fact, as an increasing amount of corporate traffic is related to advanced call center applications, voice mail, and voice response, the requirements on the network get *more* predictable. About the only thing that changes,

ments on the network get more predictable. About the only thing that changes, besides calling volumes and an increase in the reliability requirement, is that the new kind of phone calling supports revenue generation and client satisfaction.

As a result of this divergence in the types of traffic generated by voice and data applications—and, to be honest, the difference in quality between carrie vitral private network offerings for voice and data—the trend of integrating voice and data networks has reversed. Companies are increasingly putting their voice traffic back onto the public network, and are using the resulting private network capacity to handle their growing data needs, According to market analysis done by Vertical Systems Group of Needham, Mass, this was one of the reasons the TI

multiplexer market softened last year. Incremental demand for switching was siphoned off to the dial-up network, lowering demand for new switches.)

The virtual networking romp. While the decreasing demand for leased TI circuits has given private networking the boost, that boost has been countered by the advent of the virtual private network. From a revenue base of practically zero in 1988, virtual networks have become a \$2 billion business in the U.S., according to figures from San Jose market researcher Dataquest (see Figure 4). What's more, those revenues are expected to be over \$5 billion by 1995. Compared to the leased line portion of the \$40 billion private network market we talked about earlier, that's significant neneration.

The rule of thumb is that a company spending more than \$25,000 a month on long distance might be a candidate for virtual networking. Compared to leased lines on a multi-location plan, virtual networks begin to pay off at 5000 hours of monthly usage, not counting discounts (see Figure 5). Costs can be even lower if circuits are purchased through an aggregator, although events of the last several years have shown that there's risk associated with that reward. Many thinly capitalized aggregators had to leave the business when the carriers had trouble handling the wave of demand that their new billing arrangements generated in 1990.

Since the early days AT&T, Sprint, and MCI have tightened up on discounts, and set limits on how many sites they'll sign up in a month and how many new phone numbers they'll agree to bill as part of their multi-location billing. But they still offer generous discounts for long-term service commitments. Signing up for five vears at a preset volume commitment might mean saving almost 40% on published rates.

The carriers, meanwhile are offering other services to entice customers into the virtual networking fold. These include the following:

Virtual data networks-Starting in 1990, the carriers began offering virtual data networks, albeit at generally higher per-circuit costs than for voice. This service may, however, take more traffic from dial-up than from dedicated facilities.

Global virtual networks-All of the major carriers now offer limited subsets of their U.S. virtual networking in the international setting, generally through arrangements with in-country carriers and PTTs. Many announced new strategic partnerships with PTTs at last fall's Telecom '91 show in Geneva.

Syncordia, a subsidiary of British Telecom still seeking to finalize arrangements with the German PTT, Japan's NTT, and other carriers, intends to do so by building its own global private network and offering outsourcing. Within Europe, the national

carriers are also establishing themselves as one-stop shopping centers for telecommunications. Even IBM is rolling out an international consulting service that may include outsourcing for customers, which would put it in competition with some of its communications partners.

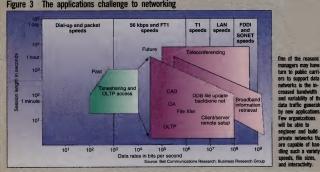
Special tariffs-AT&T and competitors continue to sell custom networks, generally based on software-defined capabilities, to large customers. They have, additionally, expanded the services they provide to customers (for a fee) to include network design and engineering, system administration, and facilities management. These outsourcing services can be especially attractive to companies looking to build global networks. Outsourcing, in fact, extends the concept of the public network beyond the usual boundaries. The services provided by the carrier can be so customized in these outsourcing arrangements that it's hard to tell whether it's a public network or a private network managed by a third party.

The point is that the carriers, in an era of heightened competition and in their desire to increase bonds with key customers, are willing to go to lengths unheard of in pre-divestiture days to meet customers' needs with tailored service levels, capacity, billing, and administration. The question is, can they manage a company's private network better than the company? Certainly they would like you to think so.

Enter the hybrid network. The truth of the matter is that, in the tug of war between public and private networking. most medium and large companies will end up somewhere in the middle with a combination of both. Remember that at the companies representing the 52% of the market with private networks, those networks only accounted for a portion of the total networking budget.

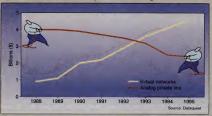
With the advent of virtual networks has come a new concept - the hybrid network. Switch and signaling technology now allows for the integration of private and public networks. What makes hybrid networks different from current private-public combinations is that hybrids offer the same level of service across the network to all users, despite the fact that part of the network is public and part is private. This wasn't always the case.

Hybrid networks allow companies to do away with on-net/off-net discrimination, whereby some company sites have different dialing plans and levels of service than others. Where old-style private networks charged low-volume sites the same percircuit costs for leased lines as they did high-volume sites, hybrid networks allow low-volume sites to pay on a usage basis. This, in turn, makes it more economical to



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Figure 4 Growth in virtual private networking



Despite its nonexistence in the market in 1987, virtual private networking has become a \$2 billion business for the carriers. At the same time, analog private line revenues are slowly waning.

put low-volume sites onto the net. Highvolume sites remain connected by leased lines, and low-volume sites use virtual leased lines.

The best candidates for lybrid networks are organizations with multiple sites, some large and communicationsintensive, others not. But the decision about which part of the network should be private and which public is not always based solely or traffic volumes. It may also be related to traffic type. Companies may prefer to keep data such as missioncritical reservations and funds transfer on the private net.

So here's the current picture: companies are offloading voice onto the public network, virtual networks are increasingly attractive for voice and some forms of data; data traffic is growing much faster than voice and is demanding more of the networks; in fact, data traffic is beginning to dominate network design; and carriers are offering more customized services, up to and including outsourcing of private networks.

In short, the tug of war between private and public networking is less a tug of war than a matter of choosing from alternatives along a spectrum of choices—from dial-up service to hybrid networks to private networks to outsourced networks and all phases in between.

"I don't think there's any question," says Jerry McDowell, a senior telecommunications analyst at Dataquest, "that the number of hybrid networks will increase dramatically. It's already happening. But the trade-off equations are getting more complex all the time, and the permutations and combinations open to users for mixing their private networks with public services are almost infinite."

Indeed, several nontrivial costs are associated with merging public and prirust facilities into the same network. They include evaluation and negotiation costs, particularly of outsourcing or special tariff arrangements, access to the virtual net points of presence, penalties for not hitting agreed-upon volumes in extended pricing plans or for terminating pricing programs early, and overhead for managing both sides of the network.

Managing hybrid networks. The difficulties in managing hybrid networks arise because of basic incompatibilities between the management systems of private and carrier networks. Actually, the difficulties are not so much in managing the component pieces—the two types of networks have been around for years—but in understanding what's happening at the interface.

Today, the carriers offer plenty of tools for customers to manage their virtual nets from their own tech control centers. For instance, the carriers allow customers to interface through special frontend systems directly with their own operational support systems (OSS). From a workstation at the user site customers can add or delete network addresses, change routing algorithms, reconfigure the network, and

request new lines. (Unfortunately, they can't usually cheek on problem status because their network diagnostics don't work on the carrier's portion of the network.) Since one of the ways carriers differentiate themselves is through customization of these types of services, they are bound to improve through the decade.

This interface will get easier over time as carriers and private networks continue to migrate to out-of-band signaling and as both settle on common network standards, like OSI's CMIP, allowing the private network management systems to work directly, without human interface, with those of the carriers. The use of common protocols and signaling will also permit the management of multiple carrier networks from the user's system, making it easier to plug multiple virtual nets into the overall network. Some carriers already offer direct connection between their network management systems and those. like IBM's NetView, for private networks.

Last year, a number of U.S. carriers even stardet to let key customers connect directly to their Signaling System 7 networks, to provide them with shorter call set-up times and allow them to make real-time routing decisions. Soon, there will also be ways for customers to control public portions of their networks via the interface between their CPE and carrier switches when running ISDN or new services like frame relay. These services have special channels for transmitting management and control information.

Intil all these interfaces are perfected, and until all the carriers support higher televals of interconnection with their OSSs, there will be some messy problems at the interface of public and private networks. These problems include troubleshooting when data messages cart pass from one part of the network to another, yet all the hardware seems to be working, mixing billing and usage information from multiple carriers and switches from different manufacturers; and end-to-end testing of circuits or packet routes.

But customers are finding ways to live with the management issues of running hybrid networks. And over time these networks should get easier to deal with, particularly as ISDN and standards-based services like frame relay come into vogue.

Will broadband tip the balance? Looking at the bandwidth demands and increasing variability of data traffic we can expect in the 1900s, one wonders whether users will be able to afford to build and engineer private data networks, particularly in support of LAN-to-LAN connections. Users have discovered, for instance, that they can save a significant amount of money by replacing their traditional hierarchical data networks with meshed networks of routers, generally connected by private TI lines.

But they are also discovering that complexities and performance degradations increase as these networks grow. As they begin putting even backbone SNA traffic onto these multiprotocol router networks, users find they are getting closer to exceeding the performance envelope. And the risks are exting greater.

Salvation may come in the new carrier-based data services being offered, chief among them frame relay and SMDS. Frame relay is discussed in a special section in this issue, and therefore is not covered in depth here. However, it's worth noting that while most frame relay services now offer only private virtual circuits, which look to the end points like a temporary leased line, these services will evolve to offer switched virtual circuits, or any-to-any communications.

For LAN-to-LAN connections, the new broadband services—particularly those that will come on stream later in the decade—will offer more than increased bandwidth. Because SONET-based wide area networks will use the same underlying protocol as metropolitan area networks, which, in turn support LAY protocols, the interconnection will be much more seamless than it is now. Workstations on one LAN will be able to access servers on another LAN across the country as if they were local.

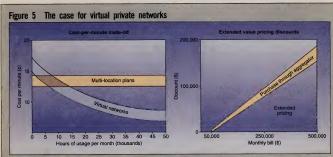
The real issue for users is whether to wait for SMDS or to start with frame relay. Both offer the advantage of diminishing the cost of meshed router networks by reducing the number of connections between routers, and both bring fast-packet performance to LAN-to-LAN connections. But where frame relay is connection oriented, SMDS is datagram oriented and doesn't require call set-up. Also, SMDS is generally expected to be faster and to be able, eventually, to support video and voice traffic. By design, SMDS will be able to handle very large internetworks, with thousands of end points and broadcast applications.

At the moment, frame relay seems to be the service of choice. Many vendors have announced support for it in their termination equipment, PCs, terminals, and muxes and at least five carriers have announced frame relay services. But in the long run, SMDS may actually offer more to users because it will support higher seeds, will be more efficient in very large networks, and is more amenable to being provided by carriers as a shared service. Not only that, but it offers built-in support for B-ISDN.

The issue for users, then, may be the speed and competency with which the speed and competency with which the carriers deploy the services. Most BBOCs are expected to tariff SMDS services to en independent telco, Centel, has an FDDI-based MAN service artifield; and several long distance carriers are expected to offer SMDS support this year. This last capability is important because early field trials and new market research by the RBOCs indicate a greater need to handle interlaTA SMDS traffic than originally thought.

But if the RBOCs don't do a better job of marketing their SMDS services—getting the share of mind of their own salespeople and outside agents and better understanding customers' data needs then SMDS deployment may go as slowly as ISDN deployment has.

"While there's debate over whether frame relay or SMDS will be the best alternative," says Dr. John McQuillan of McQuillan Consulting (Cambridge, Mass.), "I think it's perty clear that users will have to turn to switched services to raise the ceilings on the networks. LAN-to-LAN traffic is quite bursty, and I think most users would be well advised to use the switched services to provide bandwidth on



Although the trade-off between switched services and virtual network plans is an ever-shifting equation, virtual network users get price breaks based on both volumes and multi-year commitments. Carriers, however, keep changing the prices and terms and conditions of their switched and virtual services.

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demand to handle the peak loads. This will allow them to run applications they couldn't consider before because of network constraints. The use of these services can therefore be of strategic value."

The road map for users. Faced, as one wag put it, with an insurmountable wall of opportunity, users may well feel confused about the future. Who needs to worry about this stuff during a global recession.

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The fact is that we are at a watershed in the business of managing networks. We're at the beginning of a major phase of innovation that includes frame relay, SMDS, B-ISDN, virtual networks, and new business practices at the carriers. This innovation, once we have mastered some of it, will pay off in networking flexibility and capability never available before.

Along the way, users are advised to do the following:

■ Stay up to date on carrier discount plans and examine them at least semiannually. There are always cost savings to be

Avail themselves of the new customer control options on the switched services offered by the vendors

■ Consider outsourcing parts of the networking job, particularly either stable parts of it or the troublesome parts that require the outsourcer's skills. Concentrate in-house efforts at the leading edge.

■ Experiment gingerly with the global end-to-end services offered by carriers as of last year. Many carriers are not vet experienced in managing partners.

■ Keep top management informed about new networking alternatives.

■ Expect to operate a hybrid network: bring aboard the people and tools that requires.

No, it's not going to be easy, this choosing between alternatives. But it's going to be a lot more fun than going through divestiture-and with a bigger pavoff.

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V. SCHEDULE

The following schedule describes the activities by week.' Both INPUT and Digital will have to make every effort to complete their activities in the time specified.

Week of		Activity
121	2/17	Digital provides verbal approval in principal for project
213	2/24	Preliminary work on project begins
		- Digital prepares lists of corporations
		- INPUT drafts interview guides
		- INPUT and Digital define project specifics further
2/10	3/2	Final approval
		INPUT meets with CT
		- Initial assessment of CT services to be offered
		- Review interview guides
2/17		Digital staff interviews completed —
	319	INPUT meets with CT
		- CT Services assessment completed
		- Interview guide finalized
		Customer interviewing begins (U.S., Europe & GIA)
	3/23	INPUT and Digital hold a progress review
312	4/6	Customer interviews completed
,		INPUT conducts additional research, as required
		INPUT completed analysis of interviews
319	4/13	INPUT prepares a presentation version of findings and begins draft report
	4/20	Preliminary review of findings with CT staff
3/16	4/27	INPUT presents findings in overhead transparency format
3123	5/4*	INPUT delivers final report
3/31	.,	INPUT presents findings to DTMC and to subsequent review meeting in April - June 15, 1992

* Or one week after initial presentation, if presentation is delayed

